

## Project Spotlight



Morel Mushroom (*Morchella esculenta*)

You may notice an increased number of vehicles parked on local country roads. The explanation is simple: morel mushrooms are in season. Typically beginning in late April and lasting for several weeks, the highly-prized and notably delicious fungi is a favorite among seasoned hunters and gatherers in central Pennsylvania. If you have a mushroom problem on your property, please contact Bachman Homes immediately so we may "effectively eradicate".

The Excitement Is Building!

## Residential Sprinkler Mandate Repealed

On April 25, 2011 Pennsylvania Governor Corbett signed House Bill 377 into law. The most highly publicized component of this Bill removed the mandate requiring the installation of sprinklers in new single and two-family homes. Instead, builders are now required to present a sprinkler option to the customer and document the decision to accept or decline the option.

In addition, several other items were revised in HB377 including improved safety standards requiring increased fire protection for lightweight floor assemblies as well as increased wall bracing requirements. Further, the threshold for approving changes in the construction code will now require a two-thirds majority vote by the 19-member Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council. Better known as the RAC, the group consists of contractors, engineers, architects, building inspectors, code, and other local officials appointed by the Governor.

"Good habits result from resisting temptation."

-Ancient Proverb

## Maintenance Corner

### Hot Water Recirculation System

A hot water recirculation system uses a small pump attached to the hot water line to supply the showers, tubs, and faucets. Activated by an in-line thermostat, this system circulates cold water out of the line and delivers hot water faster and more efficiently. Essentially, the amount of wasted cold water during lag time is significantly reduced. While not "instant", the lag time is reduced to a matter of seconds.

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