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BE THE ENVY OF YOUR NEIGHBORS WITHOUT LIFTING A FINGER

Beautiful homes. They're everywhere. On TV, flawless façades get primetime coverage every night. Clean-cut lawns, pristine porches and shining windows bombard your senses. Their perfect features seem to remind you of all the updates you mean to make to *your* home.

Not everyone has the time to keep their home in perfect condition. With work, family and a million-and-one other duties, it's no surprise that "landscaping chores" and "exterior maintenance" fall to the bottom of your to-do list. In today's fast-paced world, it's hard to keep a home in tip-top shape.

So what can you do to help improve your home's curb appeal, be the envy of all your neighbors, and still have time (and energy) to go about your daily life?

Well, if you've got a front-facing attached garage, here's a simple quick fix – install a new stylish garage door.

Don't worry; you don't have to actually lift a finger during the installation or do any of the grunt work yourself. You don't have to perform the installation, nor should you! Garage doors are large and extremely heavy. Installing a new garage door is a difficult and dangerous task that should be left to an experienced professional.

A new garage door really can make your home the envy of all your neighbors. Think about it. If your house has an attached garage, the garage door may take up more than one-third of your home's front façade. If that home is more than five years old, your garage door probably is a solid-colored, raised-panel door that looks like every other garage door in the neighborhood.

A new door, quickly, safely and correctly installed by a local professional, will differentiate your home and add style, value and curb appeal. The hottest new style in garage doors is the carriage house design. It's available in steel, wood or composite materials and in many price ranges.

This year, installing a new garage door could even save you up to \$500 off your taxes. The U.S. government's Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008 extends tax credits for energy efficient home improvements, including qualifying insulated garage doors. Why not save on taxes and lower your home's energy consumption while increasing your home's curb appeal?

To find an installer and choose a door, all you need to do is visit GarageWowNow.com. The non-commercial site's ZIP code search function will help you find a dealer right in your neighborhood who can install your door in a few hours. The site also features before and after images that allow you to see how others have dramatically changed the appearance of their homes. These photos, along with individual photos of carriage house, raised panel and contemporary doors, make finding a door to match your home's style easy and less time consuming than mowing your lawn. New photos are continually added, so be sure to visit often.

What are you waiting for?