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projects such as a large resort, or a single-family home; no job is too small or large," says the owner. An American Architectural and Manufacturer's Association—certified master installer supervises all projects.

Great window options

PremierVue windows are effective, virtually maintenance-free and extremely durable. The 2700 series incorporates a PVB interlayer, and is excellent for custom homes and low-to-mid-rise buildings, while the 2800 series uses a SentryGlas® interlayer to achieve higher design pressures than many aluminum windows; it's ideal for mid-to-high-rise buildings, but both options are found in well-appointed homes condos, hotels and other high-rise applications," says Scapechi. "In terms of insulation, there is no comparison between vinyl and aluminum; vinyl insulates 1,000 times better and is obviously a much more energy-efficient product."

PremierVue is an exceptional long-term investment to protect your home and family. Not only is PremierVue great in terms of safety and energy efficiency, it also significantly reduces outside noise — and there are no custom up-charges.

Window variations include double hung, horizontal roller/side slider, casement/awning and picture/fixed architectural windows. Ultra-lift balancers make every double-hung window easy to open and close.

Performance

If you were shopping for a computer, you wouldn't want to buy a used one with old technology — you would want state-of-the-art technology, and that's what this exceptional window provides.

"It is possible that wind-born debris at a high velocity may crack the glass, but the interlayer keeps the overall window intact, so nothing enters your home," says Scapechi. "The special silicone glazing process keeps the glass from breaking away from its frame." PremierVue windows exceed International Building Code standards for air, water, structural, and small and large missile impact — and adhere to strict Miami-Dade codes.

PGT Industries was the first to come to market with a four-track, eight-panel, vinyl-framed sliding-glass door. PremierVue doors are available in panels up to 4 feet x 10 feet, or 5 feet by 8 feet.

South Florida living is all about style and beauty, and the Seaview's sensational line of impact-resistant windows and doors will not disappoint.

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PremierVue double-hung windows are extremely easy to open and close.



PremierVue windows are stylish and enhance the look of any room.



This patio pool deck has been resurfaced with Spraydeck® which is applied to both the coping and deck over existing concrete and coping bricks.

Pavers or decorative concrete coatings...

What is best for your patio, pool deck or driveway remodeling?

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The company has won design awards, and its walls are decorated with letters of appreciation from satisfied customers. The company has a track record that speaks for itself. The company has a reputation as solid as its work.

That company is Cliff's Pools & Patios.

"An upgrade can make sense in terms of value — both in lost equity and potential resale value," says Cliff Freyman, who co-owns the company with wife D'Alma. "A new pool or driveway will do wonders, not only for curb appeal, but it gives the homeowner a sense of pride and accomplishment."

Cliff's Pools & Patios is South Florida's No. 1 pool, patio and driveway remodeling company. "We are the real deal," says Freyman. "We do it all with full-time crews, and we have the most complete showroom in the industry."

Actual employees of the company supervise all projects, and homeowners receive total customer service by people that really care.

Before deciding on the type of surface for your pool, patio deck or driveway, consider these questions: What will work best with my home's architecture, roof and house color? What type of usage can I expect on the surface? Is it easy to maintain? More importantly, what are my family's lifestyle characteristics?

Pavers

There's a large selection of types, textures and looks, such as traditional pavers that come in a variety of sizes and colors. Travertine marble and distinctive pre-cast and Artistic Pavers™ are unique and create a specialized look and effect. Based on its type, pavers vary in maintenance requirements.

Decorative concrete coatings

Spray deck and Uro Systems (often called Uro Tile) are very popular, and both can be applied over existing concrete surfaces, driveways, patios and pool decks. "The coatings are extremely durable and easy to maintain," says Freyman. "They simulate a large variety of unique tile and stone effects, brick effects and French patterns and come

in a variety of colors and textures."

Fully licensed and insured, the company is a commercial and residential contractor, specializing in pool resurfacing, Diamond Brite® applications, pool service and maintenance, pool tile installations/replacements, coping, lighting, heaters, salt chlorine systems, pool leak detection and repairs.

"We also offer high-quality driveway and patio paver installation, including traditional pavers, Travertine marble pavers, Artistic Pavers™, spray decks and URO Tile," says Freyman. "We are known for a high level of workmanship, as well as having the highest-rated customer service satisfaction rating in the industry."

Competitive prices and no shortcuts make Cliff's Pools & Patios the smart choice for any pool, patio or driveway need.

For information call (954) 742-2000, or visit cliffspools.com.

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Create a designer look on a budget

Is it time to add a half-bathroom?

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When it comes to renovating a home, homeowners expect to spend money. No home renovation or home improvement project is free, but some are less costly than others.

The addition of a half-bathroom is a popular project among homeowners, and it won't necessarily break the bank. If converting existing floor space into a half-bathroom, such a renovation can cost as little as a few thousand dollars, making the addition of a powder room one of the few home improvement projects where the value added to the home exceeds the cost of the renovation. Before deciding to add a half-bathroom, it helps to consider some of the pros and cons of the project.

Pros

- **Convenience:** A half-bathroom is often added on the home's main floor or in the basement or attic. This makes it more convenient

for guests to use the restroom during a dinner party or when coming over to watch the big game in a basement home-theater area.

- **Problem-free:** Half-bathrooms are smaller because they don't have a shower or bathtub. That means common bathroom problems like mold and mildew are not as big a concern as they are for full bathrooms.
- **More choices:** Because mold and mildew aren't likely to present a problem in a half-bathroom, homeowners have more options at their disposal when choosing floors and countertops.

Cons

- **Space:** As their name implies, half-bathrooms are much smaller than full bathrooms. As a result, they tend to feel cramped.

- **Value:** Though an inexpensive half-bathroom addition might recoup its value and then some at resale, the project won't add as much

resale value to a home as a full bathroom addition might.

- **Loss of storage:** If storage around the house is sparse, homeowners might be better off keeping the area designated for the half-bathroom as a storage closet instead of a bathroom.

Once the pros and cons have been weighed, homeowners who want to go forward with the project should then check with their local municipality to ensure the codes and requirements won't restrict their project. Size or window restrictions might curtail the project or limit what homeowners can do, which might change their minds on the project altogether.

The addition of a half-bathroom often makes practical and financial sense. But before making any addition, homeowners must weigh the pros and cons to make the best decision possible.



The addition of a half-bathroom is a project that often makes practical and financial sense.