

# Ratedpeople.com Predicts Top DIY Trends For 2010

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Ratedpeople.com, has offered its predictions of what will be the biggest trends of 2010.

Top of the trends is home owners making their homes more energy efficient to reduce their carbon footprint and save money, according to the UK's number one match making service for home improvers and tradesmen. With the Government recently launching its proposal for a new boiler scrappage scheme, home owners with G-rated boilers can now save around £400 on the cost of a new boiler whilst cutting their emissions by as much as 30 per cent.

Ratedpeople.com also predicts an influx in people making "green" alterations to their homes. This could be in the form of alternative energy sources such as solar power, the use of low toxin paints, or simply growing a vegetable patch.

With the UK currently working its way through a tough economic period, many home owners are likely to look towards maximising their current property's value. As such, loft conversions and basement conversions are in, as home owners try and make the most of the space they already have without the costs associated with building more space.

Andrew Skipwith CEO and founder of Ratedpeople.com, said: "2010 is likely to be a strong year for the DIY industry, as many home owners do DIY as a way of saving money and adding value to their property.

"Home owners must be aware, however, that shoddy work will probably have a negative effect on value unless you're lucky, so if you're unsure of your ability, get a recommended professional to do the work for you."

Ratedpeople.com helps home improvers find recommended tradesmen quickly and easily. You can choose from 24 different trades and find tradesmen such as local heating engineers (<http://www.ratedpeople.com/find/heating-engineers>), loft conversion specialists (<http://www.ratedpeople.com/find/loft-conversion-specialists>) or local plumbers (<http://www.ratedpeople.com/find/plumbers>).

Every month, Ratedpeople.com manages over £30m in home improvement projects with more than 1,000 tradesmen signing up, making it the UK's largest match making service for home improvers and recommended tradesmen. There are more than 55,000 ratings on Ratedpeople.com to date and its system ensures that tradesmen are only rated by previous customers who find them through the site. This results in one of the fairest and most robust rating systems on the web.

For further information on how to source a recommended tradesman in your area, visit [Ratedpeople.com](http://Ratedpeople.com).

