# SMART HOME GUIDE SWITCHES & AUTOMATION

#### **Smart Switches & Dimmers**

- Control lights remotely with phone apps or voice assistants.
- Set schedules to reduce wasted energy.
- Replace outdated switches for compatibility with LED lighting.
- Smart dimmers extend bulb life and improve comfort.

### **Home Automation Options**

- Program lights to turn on at sunset or when you arrive home.
- Automate outdoor lighting for security and energy savings.
- Link smart plugs to control appliances from anywhere.
- Whole-home hubs (Google Home, Alexa, Apple HomeKit) connect devices together.

#### **Electrical Considerations**

- Smart switches require proper wiring, often a neutral wire older homes may need upgrades.
- Avoid overloading circuits when adding multiple smart devices.
- Use GFCI outlets for outdoor or damp locations.
- Whole-home surge protection safeguards sensitive electronics.

#### **Pro Tips**

- Hardwired smart switches are often more reliable than Wi-Fi bulbs, especially in larger homes.
- Many devices can be set for off-peak scheduling saving on electric bills.
- Smart outlets can track real-time energy use per appliance.
- Automated lighting makes your home look occupied when you're away, deterring break-ins.

## Safety Check

Call us immediately if you notice:

- Flickering, buzzing, or delayed response from switches.
- Overheating outlets or switches.
- Breakers tripping when adding smart devices.

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