

Consider the Benefits of Walkin Bathtubs

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While a freestanding bathing unit such as a claw foot tub is a very elegant and decorous option for the modern homeowner, there are some people with very unique needs that they must consider above and beyond the style and interior design. For people with limited mobility, especially the elderly, walk in bath tubs are a preferable choice because of the safety, security and convenience they provide. And although style is not the first concern for such people, many of these bathtub enclosures are quite lovely and fit right into the bathroom flawlessly. So what exactly are walkin bathtubs?

Basically, walk in bath tubs have doors that swing out and a seat that the bather sits in. There is a no-slip surface on the floor as well, to prevent slips and falls. After the bather shuts the door they fill the tub with water and are immersed in a safe and secure environment until they are ready to empty the water out again. The sides of these bathtub enclosures are designed to provide comfortable arm support and help promote balance while sitting in the tub. Most of these specially designed tubs also have hand held shower attachments that provide easier access for handicapped people to take care of their needs in private dignity.

If you install one of these walkin bathtubs in your home, it is easy to set an adjustable scald guard to a maximum temperature setting to prevent yourself or anyone else in your home from being burned. And unlike the traditional claw foot tub, you can fill the water level as high as chest level if desired. Some walk in bath tubs even have whirlpool action, which can help relieve those painful moments when joints and muscles are aching. This is particularly beneficial for elderly bathers. The whirlpool action in such a tub also helps with circulatory problems and other issues that elderly and handicapped people often face. These tubs will pass through any 30 inch door opening so they are easy to install.

At the end of the day, people with limited mobility will feel more secure about themselves and the tub they are relaxing in if they have one of these walk in units installed. This type of tub keeps safety in mind and can be an added asset to anyone who wants to continue taking care of their physical body on their own.

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