

10 Smart Consumer Electronic Tips for the Home Environment

The 10 Smart Consumer Electronic Tips provide you with a concise and informative list of helpful hints to assist you in making smart decisions when purchasing home consumer electronics.

Developed in part by the Custom Electronics Designers and Installers Association.

- 1. Wire for everything now** - If you are building or remodeling your home, wire it with a plan for future needs. While no one can guarantee what the future will look like, we make it our business to stay current to offer good advice about technologies that are on the horizon. Best of all we can help you sort out the hype from the reality. Wireless will not get it done, everything needs power for instance.
- 2. Plan for 4K Video now** – 4K video is the new standard. If you're buying a new TV or video projector, make sure you'll be able to enjoy these incredible sound and pictures.
- 3. Insist on integrated systems** - As you buy new electronic components, make sure you shop for equipment that can be hooked up together and operated with one, easy to use control system.
- 4. Don't buy yesterday's products (often what is in stock)** - Many stores purchase large orders of all equipment and sell it at discounted rates. Systems should be designed with the client's specific needs in mind.
- 5. Consider integrating lighting control with your home electronics system** - Lighting sets the mood for home theater, entertaining, or just a quiet night at home. You can control your home lighting from the same remote that you use to control your theater or music system.
- 6. Think with your wallet, but lead with your head** - Quality and long-term dependability are the most cost effective attributes that you can build into a home, including your electronic systems.
- 7. Buy an experience, not a box** - Few people have the time to research and evaluate all the hardware choices, and every manufacturer claims to have the very best features for the lowest price. It's smarter to focus on the end result and make your choices based upon overall performance and value.
- 8. Don't think you have to put up with hard to use, multiple remote controls** - Easy to use, all-in-one remote controls are available for any system. You can even have them custom programmed so they make perfect sense to you.
- 9. Consult a professional** - Designing and installing reliable, easy to use systems that add real quality to your lifestyle is our goal. When conducting research, check to see if the company you're considering has CEDIA Certified Professional Designers and Installers on staff.
- 10. Increase your service expectations** - Your home electronics system is a big investment. We will provide you with extensive options, comprehensive designs, complete installation and especially, in-home service for your systems. Not a repair technician, instead a fully staffed service department experienced in installed electronic systems.