



OPTIMIZE YOUR TIME AND SPACE with One Touch Automation

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How often have you heard the words “think big” at work? Well, the same advice can be applied to your off hours. Leisure time offers an essential avenue to recharge your batteries and refresh your mind. That’s why having personal space where you can relax — maybe even, yes, a “man cave” — is vital. To get the most out of that space, you need to think big. If you don’t know where to start, One Touch Automation can help.

One Touch Automation has been serving Saskatoon for almost four years now. “My experience easily goes into three or four hundred houses,” owner Calvin Garraway notes. The company’s primary focus is on residential and

commercial “automation” — a simple concept, although it may sound high-tech. “Automating” your home or office (or “man cave”) simply means physically and electronically organizing your technology so that it all works in tandem. Jumbled wires and piled remotes are replaced by a unified control system, accessible via a remote, touchscreen, or even your smartphone.

One Touch Automation meets with each client to discuss their end goals for their space, and the upgrades and changes which will be required to realize those goals. “A one-on-one with the client helps us to understand their needs,” Calvin says. “It lets us customize a plan that is an ideal fit for that client.” After

that initial meeting, Calvin devises a unique automation system for his client. Calvin is extremely selective about the automation products he uses in clients’ homes: his main product line is Crestron, a leader of the automation field, but he may also use other brands such as URC depending on clients’ needs.

Once Calvin’s design is complete, the client reviews the plans, offering additions or alterations. Then, once the client approves the plans, the company gets to work, completing tasks which range from wiring the house, to installing, testing and programming specialty equipment, to organizing structured wiring systems. “We look after every aspect



of automation, start to finish," Calvin confirms. Once installation is complete, One Touch Automation can fine-tune the client's system in order to further enrich their experience.

With One Touch Automation, movie buffs can relax in a temperature- and light-controlled home theatre, using high-quality projectors to watch their favourite films on the big screen. Likewise, "audiophiles" (as Calvin affectionately terms them) will find that top-tier amps, high-end speakers, and power conditioners redouble their listening experience; their families, meanwhile, may be silently thankful for the acoustic cancellation technology which keeps the rest of the house quiet. Gamers, athletes, partiers, hobbyists — however you spend your free time, One Touch Automation can boost your enjoyment and ease.

What's in your ideal "man cave"? A video wall where you and your

friends can hold big-screen gaming marathons? Blinds that close with the touch of a button when the morning light starts sneaking in? A couch with built-in subwoofers, so you can literally feel the music? A poker table, a pool table, a home gym, a hot tub — each with its own source of flawless audio and video? Is your equipment proudly displayed — or literally hidden behind a wall? With One Touch Automation, the sky is the limit. Fine Lifestyles has only one suggestion: think big. FHS



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