

What does “ageing in place” mean?

We’d like you to be able to stay in your home as you get older. This is also called “Universal Design”. There are many specialized techniques and materials that make your life easier now for you and your visitors. Here are some typical items we used in a recent home design. Many of these improvements add very little cost when installed during construction but can be major expenses later. For example, installing a 36” wide door with a levered doorknob adds about \$25 during construction. Replacing a narrow door and hardware later might cost over \$500.

- Lighted switches in the master bedroom help tired eyes find the switches at night.
- We used comfort height vanities, toilets, and electric outlets that are easier to reach, especially with a sore back.
- Levered door handles and plumbing fixtures are easier to operate.
- The one level, open floor plan, wide doorways, master bath shower with grab bars, and front entrance ramp make getting around the home easy even with a walker or wheel chair.