

John Hayward, of Baker Furniture adds, "It's even more important to furnish high traffic rooms, like family rooms, with better quality furniture, so it will hold up to more wear and tear. In addition, a great frame can be re-upholstered, thereby extending the value of that piece."

Here's what I want you to do: take this column with you on your next shopping trip, and compare the following list to the choices you're considering. Don't be afraid to ask the salesperson to explain how their products are made, and where. If the answer you get is, "I don't know," or "I'll have to check and get back to you," I want you to step away from the showroom and go to your next destination. Now, read on, and digest the basics. Consider this a "Carfax" for home furnishings.

Eight-way, hand-tied springs. Each coil spring is placed in the seat by hand and tied into place with twine using a series of interlocking knots. Steel coil springs are set within the furniture frame and tied together in eight directions. Each piece of furniture has a unique spring pattern and height to provide just the right degree of comfort.

Kiln dried hardwood. Kiln dried frames are superior because you can be sure about the reduction of the moisture content to a satisfactory level. This drastic reduction in wood's moisture content is important so that the wood doesn't warp or shrink with changes in humidity and temperature.

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Look for sinuous springs and double-dowel joints.

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206 Contessa Court, Lafayette

Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style home with private yard located on a quiet Burton

Valley cul-de-sac. Top location, close to schools, trails, parks and more... Kitchen and baths have been remodeled and home features: kitchen/family room combo, vaulted ceilings, dual pane windows, newer roof plus many additional updates/upgrades throughout. Beautifully landscaped yard offers deck, private patio, grass play area and relaxing, private setting. Call or email for more details or to schedule a private showing.

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