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10 Smart Consumer Electronics Tips for the Home Environment

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The 10 Smart Consumer Electronics Tips provides concise information to assist you in making smart decision when purchasing consumer electronics for the home.

1. Consult a professional – Selecting an electronic systems contractor you can trust and support your integration needs for years to come will maximize the reliability and enjoyment of your home's systems.
2. Wire for everything now, even wireless – Start with a plan for future wiring needs. **Wire is even necessary to support wireless applications.**
3. Insist on Integrated systems – Make sure the electronic equipment you are buying can be hooked up together and operate with one, easy-to-use control system.
4. Integrate lighting and heating control – System integration provides automatic energy-efficient adjustments, saving you time and money.
5. 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.
6. Buy an experience, not a box – Find an electronic systems contractor that allows you to 'test drive' the entire system or at least experience the thrill of a high-performance system.
7. Simplify your controls – New technologies offer intuitive control from all-in-one remote controls, mobile devices and tablets, allowing your to access your system from anywhere in the world.
8. Increase your expectations – Home electronic systems are a big investment and you deserve to be satisfied with it for years to come.
9. Think Green – By utilizing smart technologies, your systems automatically makes energy-efficient adjustments. Technologies such as the lights being dimmed by 20%, or shades that automatically close or open depending on the season or time of day will save not only energy, but time and money.
10. Ensure the experts work together for you – Maximize your home's electronic systems capabilities by having your architect, builder and interior designer collaborate and partner with an electronic systems contractor from the beginning of the planning process.