

NI loves kitchens and bathrooms but also clutter

LOCAL folk love their kitchens more than residents in any other region in the UK, according to a new survey from IKEA.

We're also the keenest when it comes to the idea of adding en-suite bathrooms, and we're the most likely to want to add a home gym too.

The survey also revealed that, as a nation, we're wasting space in our homes by failing to use it properly.

The key culprits in the 'great space waste' are the kitchen and the spare bedroom, possibly because they're often both filled with clutter.

It turns out that an overwhelming 77 percent of us have a big problem with clutter as, very often, rooms

are used as untidy dumping grounds.

"IKEA's findings are very revealing, and never forget, absolutely every square inch of your home costs you money," explains property specialist Roger Southam.

"If you're not using it, you're losing it.

"Get rid of clutter by using smart storage systems and making better use of space.

"Whatever you choose, focus on making every room in the house work for you."

The IKEA 2009 catalogue launches this week and its website, at www.ikea.com, is filled with handy tips on how to kick out your clutter.



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