

# Editing the Materials List

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The information in this article applies to:



## QUESTION

I would like to edit and modify all parts of the materials list I created using Home Designer. How can this be accomplished?




## ANSWER

While the materials list is a very versatile tool, and will allow you to edit virtually all fields, (columns that can be edited include ID, Size, Description, Extra, Unit, Price, and Comment), you will not retain full control over all fields while working with the materials list in Home Designer.

To obtain full control over all fields, the list can be exported to a text file for use in a different application. Additionally, it can be copied and pasted into a spreadsheet, and each individual cell modified within the spreadsheet.

The procedure used to export the Materials List to a text file is described in this article.

To export the materials list to a text file

1. From the menu select **Tools> Materials List> Calculate From All Floors** 
  - In Home Designer Interiors, instead select **Calculate from Room** .
2. Once the materials list generates, you can begin entering pricing information.
3. To export the materials list, from the menu select **File> Export Materials List (txt)**  to display the **Write Materials Export File** dialog.
4. In the **Save In:** field, click the drop down arrow and choose the directory that you would like to save the file in.
5. In the **File Name:** field, type in a file name.
6. Once finished, click the **Save** button. The text file that is saved contains the Materials List which can be opened and modified in a word processing application.

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