

VMI Properties newsletter

Hello and welcome to the "VMI Properties Newsletter".

Please take advantage of our monthly tips for:

- Saving Money
- Keeping your home cleaner, safer, and more comfortable
- Helping retain your home's value
- Helping improve your comfort and life style
- Getting into the position to purchase

THIS MONTH'S TOPICS ARE:

1. What Needs to be done this Month?
2. Room by Room Safety Check-up



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Love makes a house a home."
Unknown

MONEY SAVING TIPS

SAVING MONEY TIP #1

Donate Your Stuff

Instead of throwing away all your used items, why not donate them to your local shelter? Clothing is the obvious item, but you can also donate old blankets to help out the animal shelters, old vehicles for disadvantaged families in need of transportation, and even used cell phones for battered women to use to call for help when they need it. You can turn your used items into a tax-deductible credit.

1. What Needs To Be Done This Month?

February is the month to put out fertilizer with pre-emergent. *Don't wait!--put it down now before weeds in your lawn have time to germinate.* Use Scotts Bonus S MAX. It Feeds, Kill Weeds & Bugs and provides the nutrients a Southern lawn needs AND controls fire ants.

2. Room by Room Safety Check-up

Bathroom

1. Keep space heaters, radios, and other electrical products away from bathtubs and sinks.
2. Keep medications, cleaning products, and other poisons away from children and pets.
3. Use a slip resistant mats in tubs and showers



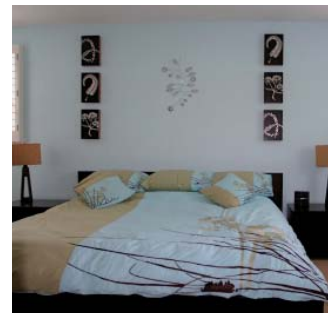
Kitchen

1. Store all portable and small appliances and their cords out of the reach of children and always keep them a safe distance away from the sink.
2. Keep all portable and countertop appliances unplugged when not in use.
3. Never use or attempt to repair a damaged appliance; always consult a qualified technician.
4. Every home should have working, UL Listed smoke detectors and fully charged UL Listed fire extinguishers strategically placed in the kitchen, garage, and workshop.



Nursery/Bedrooms

1. Install UL Listed smoke detectors and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms outside every sleeping area and near fuel-burning appliances.
2. Place halogen lamps in locations where they cannot be tipped over by children, pets, or a strong draft from an open window. Do not allow curtains or other combustible materials to come in contact with lamps at any time.



- SAVING MONEY TIP #2

Control Your Shopping

It may be difficult to resist, but do you really need the latest designer shoes or the newest electronic gadget? Don't put yourself in a position to be tempted by such items. Ignore the commercial hype along with the catalogs that arrive in the mail and stop window shopping, especially online. It's too easy to just type in those credit card numbers and click the "Buy" button since you're handling money electronically, not physically. A good rule of thumb is: if you don't already have the liquid cash to buy it, DON'T!

- SAVING MONEY TIP #3

Clip Coupons

You really can save lots of money this way. Did you hear the story about the guy who became a millionaire by being a stingy miser? He still clips coupons to this day.

- SAVING MONEY TIP #4

Go to the Library

Here's a blast from the past: instead of going to Border's to buy your books, why not check them out at your local library? Don't spend \$40 on a book every two weeks when you could be reading them for free. They even have CDs and DVDs that you can check out for free. Besides, those late fees and online shipping fees can really add up.



3. Use a tape measure or ruler and look for strangulation hazards and areas where an infant can become trapped. There should be no more than 2 3/8 inches between crib slats, corner posts should not extend more than 1/16 of an inch above the end panels (unless the corner posts extend at least 16 inches high for a canopy), and headboards and footboards should not contain cutout areas.



Family/Living Room

1. Use outlet plug covers to prevent children from inserting objects into outlets.
2. Never run an electrical cord under a rug or carpet, or drape it over a hot surface such as a radiator or space heater.
3. Make sure that all portable lamps and fixtures are equipped with light bulbs of equal or lesser wattage than that recommended by the lamp or fixture manufacturer.
4. Unplug all extension cords when not in use and never use an extension cord that is cut or damaged.



"Love is the only satisfactory answer to the problem of human existence."

Author: Erich Fromm

Thank you for reading the "VMI Properties Newsletter". I hope you will use some of the ideas here to improve the quality of your life. Please contact me with your comments or suggestions.

Have a Wonderful Valentine's Day!!

Dennis Henson
817-371-8658

