

# VMI Properties

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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. Save Money When Purchasing Gasoline
3. Tips for Autumn Leaves Clean-Up



### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Having some place to go is home. Having someone to love is family. Having both is a blessing."*  
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### MONEY SAVING TIPS

#### • SAVING MONEY TIP #1

In addition to the suggestions above--shop for the lowest priced gas for your cars.

Check out [www.wbap.com](http://www.wbap.com) for their "Pump Watch".



## 1. What Needs To Be Done This Month?

In September please check the batteries in your home's fire alarms and make sure they are working properly.

## 2. Save Money When Purchasing Gasoline

Here are some tricks to help you get your money's worth at the gas pump:



1. Fill up your car or truck in the morning when the temperature is still cool. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground; and the colder the ground, the denser the gasoline. When it gets warmer gasoline expands, so if you're filling up in the afternoon or in the evening, what should be a gallon is NOT exactly a gallon.

In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and temperature of the fuel (gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products) are significant. Every truckload that we load is temperature-compensated so that the indicated gallonage is actually the amount pumped. A one-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for businesses, but service stations don't have temperature compensation at their pumps.



2. If a tanker truck is filling the station's tank at the time you want to buy gas, do NOT fill up; most likely dirt and sludge in the tank is being stirred up when gas is being delivered, and you might be transferring that dirt from the bottom of their tank into your car's tank.

3. Fill up when your gas tank is half-full, because the more gas you have in your tank the less air there is and gasoline evaporates rapidly, especially when it's warm. (Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating 'roof' membrane to act as a barrier between the gas and the atmosphere, thereby minimizing evaporation.)



• SAVING MONEY TIP #2

Be sure to keep your air conditioner filters changed each quarter. Not only will you save on cooling and heating costs. If you have not changed your filters and your unit fails due to your negligence—the cost of the repair may be taken from your deposit.

• SAVING MONEY TIP #3

Shop at the “Dollar Tree” for your bathroom and cleaning items. You can save big dollars on quality products there. Did you know that “Dollar Tree” stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange?

• SAVING MONEY TIP #4

Take advantage of VMI’S free credit repair program--not just to help purchase your home but to avoid paying high interest on all your credit purchases.



**KEEPING YOUR HOME CLEANER**

*Vinyl Floors*

*Sweep and damp mop using a gallon of water and a dash of dishwashing detergent, regularly to keep abrasive soil off the surface. Scrub as needed with a white nylon backed sponge to loosen stubborn, ground in soil. Nothing cleans as well as doing it on your hands and knees when you have time. Even no-wax floors eventually need waxing, this will help to prevent further deterioration.*

4. If you look at the trigger you’ll see that it has three delivery settings: slow, medium and high. When you’re filling up--DO NOT squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to the high setting. You should be pumping at the slow setting, thereby MINIMIZING VAPORS created while you are pumping. Hoses at the pump are corrugated; the corrugations act as a return path for vapor recovery from gas that already has been metered. If you are pumping at the high setting, the agitated gasoline contains more vapor, which is being sucked back into the underground tank, so you are getting LESS GAS for your money! Hope this will help ease your ‘pain at the pump’.



**3. Tips for Autumn Leaves Clean-Up**

Red, orange, yellow and brown; it’s time for autumn leaves to start falling down. This year, don’t dread what the changing leaf colors signify; learn how to ease the strain and pain of raking -- fall’s most taxing task.

- Your first step is to not rake -- yet. When your grass has stopped growing, that’s the time to address the leaves
- One tempting option in leaf removal is a leaf blower Try an electric one only for areas that truly require them, such as the roof
- The leaves covering the majority of your lawn, however, need to be cleared away if you want decent grass come spring. You don’t need to rake every time the wind blows, but waiting too long will make for much harder work
- When you venture into the yard to rake, remember to pace yourself and be careful of your back. Raking is a vigorous activity that leaves many people with sore backs because it requires the use of muscles you don’t typically use
- Once you’ve gotten all those leaves together, consider making a compost of them to create mulch and fertilizer for the spring

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. If you have comments or suggestions please let me know.

*Have a great start of the autumn season!*

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