

Show us that Smile and win \$100!

As a Veridian homeowner, you can win \$100 in our Photo Contest. Just send us your best photos of life in or around your home. In addition, two runners-up will each receive \$25. What we really want to see are photos that represent your lifestyle, and all the fun you have with your family and neighbors. The winning photos will be published in the next issue of this newsletter. So come on homeowners, pull out those cameras and show us your smile! Send entries to:

BY MAIL Photo Contest, Veridian Homes
6801 South Towne Drive, Madison, WI 53713
EMAIL Photo@veridianhomes.com
ONLINE Join us on Facebook and submit them to our wall

ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 6, 2010!

RULES:

- 1 Photos must be taken inside or in the yard of a home built by Veridian Homes, Don Simon Homes or Midland Builders.
- 2 A current resident of the home must submit the entry.
- 3 Label back of the photo or email with your name, address and neighborhood.
- 4 Veridian Homes staff will select the winners.
- 5 Entries must be submitted by August 6, 2010.
- 6 Prizes will be awarded by August 20, 2010 and the winning photos will be published in the Fall 2010 Newsletter.
- 7 Photos will not be returned, so please keep a copy for yourself.
- 8 By submitting your photo, you give Veridian Homes the right to use your photo in future marketing materials.



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Summer 2010 Maintenance Newsletter

Here's to backyard barbeques and running through sprinklers. Here's to picture-perfect parks and heartfelt hellos from smiling passersby. To garage sales and block parties. To watching the sunset from the comfort of an Adirondack chair. Here's to the neighborhood. Here's to summer in a Veridian home.

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Interior Summer Maintenance Checklist

- If your home is equipped with high and low return air registers, close the lower registers for optimum cooling.
- Install a dehumidifier to remove excess moisture in the basement.
- Monitor the relative humidity in your home with a hygrometer. You should maintain an indoor relative humidity of 35 to 40 percent. This can be controlled by using your exhaust fans, air conditioning and dehumidifier.
- Ensure your sump pump is working by submerging it with 10-12 gallons of water. Also verify that it is plugged into a non-GFI protected outlet.
- If your home is equipped with a water softener, fill the tank with solar salt. Also make sure that the time is set correctly.
- Check your smoke/carbon monoxide detector. Make sure the batteries are fresh. Replace old units every three to five years.
- If your exterior doors are equipped with an adjustable threshold, they may need to be adjusted for optimal operation and/or energy efficiency.
- Check caulking around showers and sinks and replace if necessary.
- Change your furnace filter.
- Clean lint from clothes dryer exhaust pipe.

AIR CONDITIONING NOTE:

If your air conditioning seems to be out of order, follow these steps:

- Check the thermostat batteries; replace if necessary.
- Ensure that the thermostat setting is positioned at "COOL."
- Check the AC breaker in the electrical panel in the basement; verify that it is switched on.

DID YOU CLOSE ON YOUR HOME AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2009?

Escrow projects such as, lawn, exterior paint or concrete will be completed, weather permitting, according to the date specified in your Escrow Completion Agreement. Please refer to your Acceptance Agreement for additional information.

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Ready to move? Our Guaranteed Sale Program can help. We'll get you started on building or buying your next Veridian home and then help you sell your current home. And if it doesn't sell within an agreed-upon time, we'll buy it from you at an agreed-upon price. It's time to start packing.

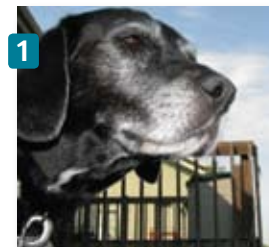
Connect with us on Facebook. We'd love to hear from you! Keep up-to-date with all things Veridian and find out what we're interested in right now – whether it's a decorating idea or a community event. To join the conversation today, just login to your Facebook account and then search us at www.facebook.com/veridianhomes.

Exterior Summer Maintenance Checklist

- Wash siding and masonry with a hose.
- Clean screens and windows.
- Check batteries in your garage door remote control units, replace if necessary.
- Check weather stripping on doors and windows and repair as needed.
- Clean out window and patio door weepholes. (Weepholes are small openings on the exterior of windows or sliding patio door frames that allow water to move outside the track.)
- Sand, prime and touch-up paint on exterior wood trim.
- Seal all exterior treated wood on decks, porches, and railings using a high performance sealer.
- Confirm that the extensions of the downspouts are positioned properly; they should sit on grass or landscaping.
- Caulk any cracks in your sidewalk, garage floor, driveway and patio. This will prevent moisture from accessing the cracks next winter and freezing, which could potentially cause the cracks to expand.
- Verify that your sump pump extension is attached.
- Seal your exterior concrete driveway, garage floor and sidewalk with a good quality concrete sealer.
- Check backfilling around the foundation of your home. If there is settling, this will need to be filled in. Maintain a positive slope away from your foundation. The filled in areas should be re-seeded with quality grass seed and watered daily until established.
- Apply a summer fertilizer product to your yard.
- Install trees and foundation plantings as needed, per the neighborhood restrictive covenants. Always call Digger's Hotline (811) to locate underground utilities before planting trees.
- If you need to replace your mailbox, call ahead to a home improvement store and ask for the Gibraltar Elite mailbox in Hartford Green and standard size. Farm & Fleet usually has them in stock. Note, the green color has changed slightly.
- Do not dispose of yard waste in neighborhood greenspaces. Find the nearest Yard Waste Site by visiting your city's website.

If you do not feel confident in performing any of these duties, please contact a professional.

Congratulations Spring Photo Contest Winners



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See back for details on how to enter your favorite photo.