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the STARHOMEUSA family

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who's ready for
BBQ?

Ok, I'll have to admit it, I am addicted to making good BBQ. Cindy and I just went to a week-long class on BBQ from a BBQ Master. He showed us some new recipes and we can't wait to share them with you. You ready?



Best BBQ Chicken Thighs the best chicken value by far is thighs or leg/thigh quarters. Often you can get these 10 pound bags of quarters for \$6-\$8 at the grocery store - tremendous value. Here's what you can do with them.

Pull skin back on thigh and put some Stone-ground mustard and or garlic under the skin and re-cover back with the skin. Put on grill or smoker until 5 minutes before done. Brush your



favorite sauce on skin, finish for 5-10 more minutes and serve!

BTW - Always put a chunk of hardwood on there - Oak, Cherry, Apple, Hickory -even if using a gas grill.

Happy Spring!

Has this been the longest winter - or am I just getting old?

I love the old saying, "Winters walk, Summers Fly".

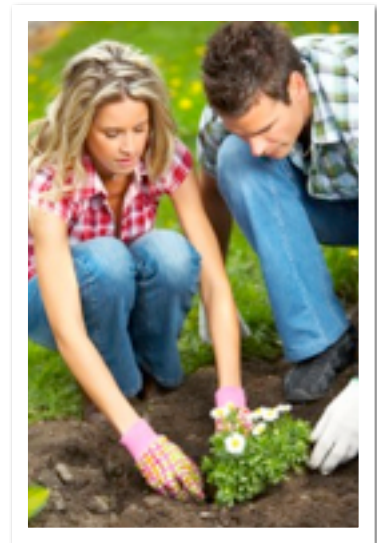
That sure has been the case for us in central Kentucky for sure.

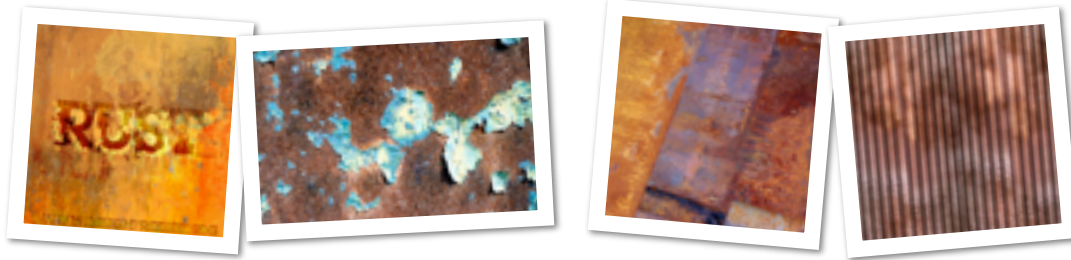
I love doing these newsletter for you, our family - I am so glad to be back at it. One of my friends told me to hire it out - and I just don't want to do that, I want to share stories and successes with you all personally - so it doesn't come from 'just anyone', but the newsletter comes from the heart. OK, enough mushy stuff - let's get to it.

BIG stuff was going on and finally we can catch a breath. We got new water lines, fire hydrants, new homes, all kinds of adventures at all the communities and we are delighted you all have been so patient with us. More good things are coming - like flowers and

trees, free fertilizer for your gardens, etc.

Hang on with us, we're slow, but steady. :-) And always grateful for you.





Does your Roof need a new Coating?

I don't want to be an alarmist, but when I drive around, I see a lot of roofs that could use a fresh coating of Kool Seal - or similar product. Please take my word that if you don't recoat your roofs every two to three years, they will rust and leak - yikes! :-)

Seriously though, a \$65 coating will save thousands of

dollars worth of repairs and damage to your belongings inside too. If you need assistance with that, ask a church member or one of the guys in the community. It is SO easy to do - mop or roller will do a great job.

KOOL SEAL

Overview

LOW cost - less than \$100 in materials

50° or warmer

4 - 6 hours of Dry Time

Apply with Roller, Brush or Mop

Protects your Home for 2 - 3 Years!



NOTE: Turn cans upside down 24 hours prior to use and mix thoroughly before application. Continue to mix during application!

For best results, apply Aluminum Coating with a roof brush. Avoid excessive brushing and spread uniformly. Use

product directly from the container. **DO NOT THIN.** Apply on a dry roof, pouring and spreading a small amount at a time. The coating will attain full brightness as it cures.

A clear, warm day is recommended for application. Do not apply when temperature is below 50°F or humidity is high. Do not apply when coating will be exposed to rain or dew before it has dried completely (approximately 4 to 6 hours). Drying time

varies depending on weather conditions. Use mineral spirits to clean tools and spills - follow package directions.



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DO YOU KNOW OF A HOME FOR SALE?

You may or may not know, We Buy Homes - we buy many homes in many areas - and we pay cash and can close quickly. Usually you will have cash in hand in 24-72 hrs. Just call and we can make a decision on buying your home on the spot (or a home of someone you know in other communities or on land).

We also take homes in on trade - Just call Brad when you are ready!

Brad 859-319-5000



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We've got some fun videos on the blog - and they feature YOU!

Check them out and don't forget to comment and rate them.

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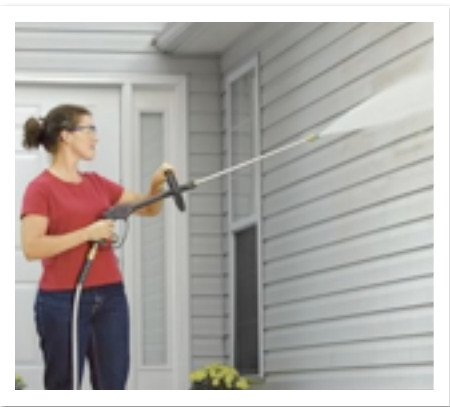
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KEEPING YOUR HOME LOOKING NEW!

Regular maintenance will keep your siding looking new and lasting longer. Why is it so important to regularly maintain your siding? Like the skin on your body, there are two main purposes that siding fulfills—appearance and protection. It protects your home against natural elements and pests, adds stability to the frame of your home, helps insulate and it also adds character to the outside of the home. Although there are several different types of siding you can choose from for manufactured homes, the three most popular include metal siding, like aluminum or steel, vinyl siding or a natural wood siding. And each kind of material needs to be maintained differently.



WASHING

Note: Don't wash wood siding.

Heavy exposure to water might result in decay, chipping, bowed or expanded panels, disintegration or shrinkage. Read below to learn about proper maintenance for wood siding.

Give your home a good washing for a fresh new look.

Make sure you close all the windows, doors and vents.

Attach a soft car-washing brush to your garden hose and wash off the dirt.

Remove tree sap and any other stubborn stains. First soak the sap with raw linseed oil,

mineral spirits, or auto bug and tar remover. Let stand until soft. Wipe with a clean cloth.

You can use household detergent to clean the siding or purchase a cleaning compound specifically for your siding material. Several varieties are available at manufactured home supply stores.

Wash your siding from top to bottom to keep the lower area wet, preventing detergent lines.

Rinse off the cleaner. Attach a spray nozzle to your hose to increase water pressure

VINYL SIDING

Vinyl's durable surface makes it the easiest siding to maintain. It won't rot, peel or show scratches because good quality vinyl siding permeates its color throughout the entire thickness of the panel. Although vinyl is virtually maintenance free, keep your siding in the best condition to make its lifetime last even longer.

Don't rely on a rainstorm to keep your siding clean. Give it a good cleaning at least once a year to keep sediment and grime off its surface.

Replace any damaged panels. New panels are quick and easy to install.

If you do not have rain gutters, your house will need more frequent cleaning.

Rubbing compound scratches vinyl surfaces.

Vinyl siding is brittle in very cold weather. Be careful not to hit or strike it, or it might shatter.

Keep grills from vinyl. Exposing the vinyl to intense heat will melt the siding.

You might think that a paint job would be an inexpensive and easy solution to make faded vinyl siding look like new again. But paint does not hold well to vinyl's surface because it continuously changes with the weather. Vinyl soaks up heat causing expansion and contraction as temperatures rise and fall. Instead of a short-term painting job, consider replacing your siding altogether. Check with a several retailers to see the variety of colors and textures to choose from.

Ask them about lifetime warranties or guarantees that they offer.

Caulk any joints, holes or cracks with a paint-able caulk. Seal the bottom of the panels and any chips.

Paint or stain the wood every four years. Check the manufacturer's guidelines to see what kind of paint or stain works best with the wood on your home.

Keep an eye out for critters. Birds, insects and rodents love to make a home or a meal out of wood siding.

Keep sprinklers away from the home. Heavy exposure to water might result in decay, chipping, bowed or expanded panels, disintegration or shrinkage. Wood siding resides best in dry regions

Check the paint for flaking and re-cover any exposed surface.

ALUMINUM SIDING

Keep aluminum siding looking like new with a regular cleaning every six months to prevent oxidation and/or corrosion over time. For metal siding, oxidation and corrosion are common problems that wear and tear at the outside of your home. Taking care of these problems as soon as they occur could save you from having to replace your siding altogether.

CORROSION

Corroded areas leave dark spots on the siding. These are caused by moisture being exposed to the metal surface for extended periods. Check for rust-colored stains in places that tend to stay wet longer, such as under eaves or recessed entryways. If you find corroded areas, be sure to get rid of the spots before they spread further. For both aluminum and steel siding, sand out the corrosion blisters down to the bare metal, then spot prime with an anti-rust primer.

OXIDATION

Oxidation leaves a white chalky film on the siding that can dull the exterior of your home. Keep your siding clean to prevent oxidation from forming. If your siding looks faded from oxidation, contact a professional

manufactured home washer. A professional can clean your house in less than an hour with high-pressure hoses.

SCRATCHES

Keep a minor scratch on your metal siding from becoming a major problem.

1. Lightly rub the scratched area with a fine rubbing compound. This will remove dirt, grease and loose paint.



2. Rinse with water and dry.

3. Cover larger areas with a primer coat to improve to help prevent the formation of rust. Allow to dry.

4. Use a small brush and cover the scratch with touch-up paint. Apply as many layers of paint as you need to make the scratch less noticeable. Allow drying time between coats, and allow two weeks for the paint to completely harden.

5. Use a fine polishing compound to blend the area into the surrounding paint. Apply a coat of oil-based wax to the entire area.

PAINTING METAL SIDING

Apply a fresh coat of paint to the siding of your home to keep it looking like new. If you need to paint just one panel, consider taking that panel to an auto body shop to be painted. They should be able to match the color. If you plan to paint the whole exterior of the home and want to tackle the project yourself, wait for a calm and overcast day to paint. Paint needs to dry



slowly and the sunlight and wind will only speed up the drying process.

PREPARE TO PAINT

Thoroughly wash the exterior of your home

Repair any dents.

Caulk any cracks or holes along the panels, around corners or around windows with a paint-able caulk.

Cover everything you don't want painted (windows, doors, the roof, etc.) with newspapers, drop cloths, tarps or masking tape. It's much easier to cover these areas beforehand than to remove paint later.

How much paint do I purchase?

To compute the amount of paint needed, multiply the height of the house times the entire perimeter. Do not subtract for windows because this area will roughly equal the trim, eaves and soffits. Divide the total square footage by the number of square feet per gallon cited on the label of the paint.

Before you're ready to apply an oil-based metal paint primer, the siding needs to be completely dry. Mix one gallon of the oil-based paint primer with one pint of paint thinner. Tint the primer to a lighter shade of the paint color you choose. The primer will help the new paint adhere to the surface and provide an extra color coat.

Let the primer dry completely before adding the next coat of paint.

Use an acrylic-based, latex exterior house paint over the primer. A high volume of acrylic resin in the paint will make the paint job last longer. Invest in premium paint, brushes and roller covers. Bargain paint is no bargain if you're looking for better coverage, longer wear and a more washable surface.

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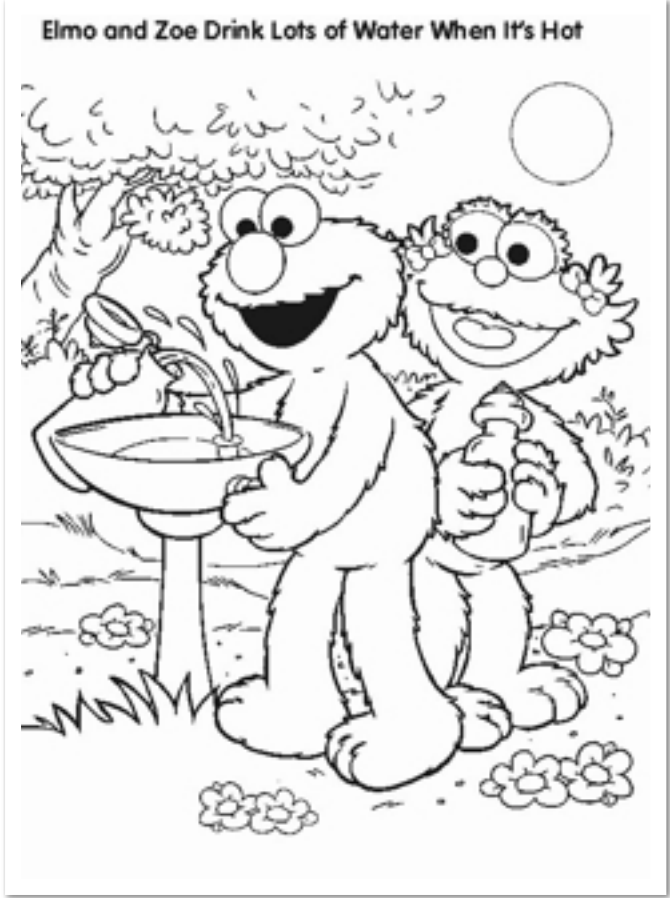
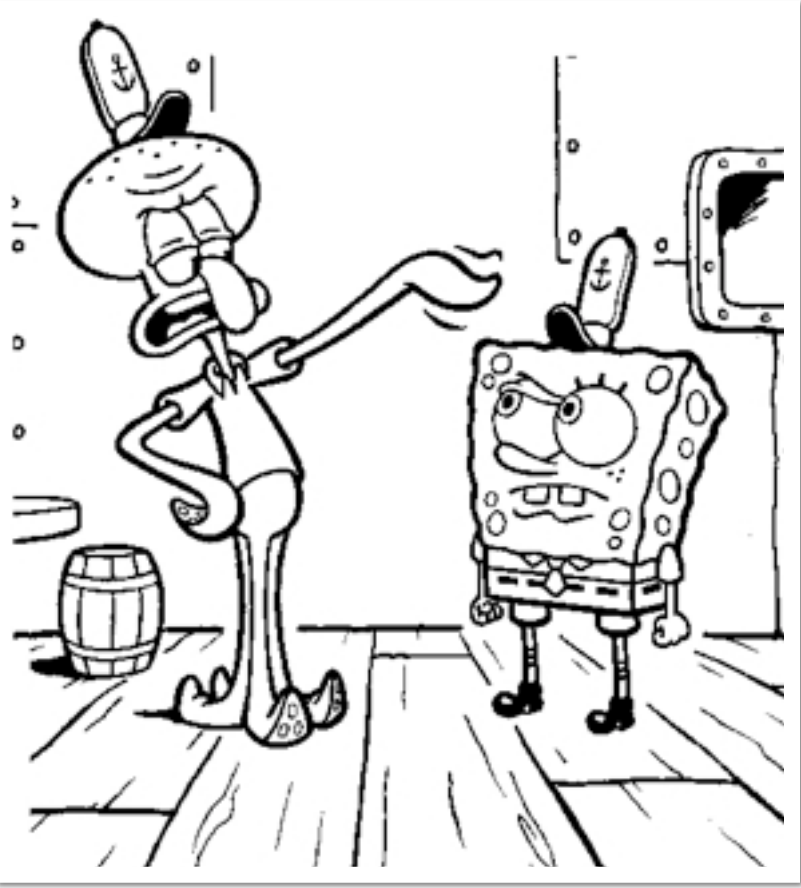
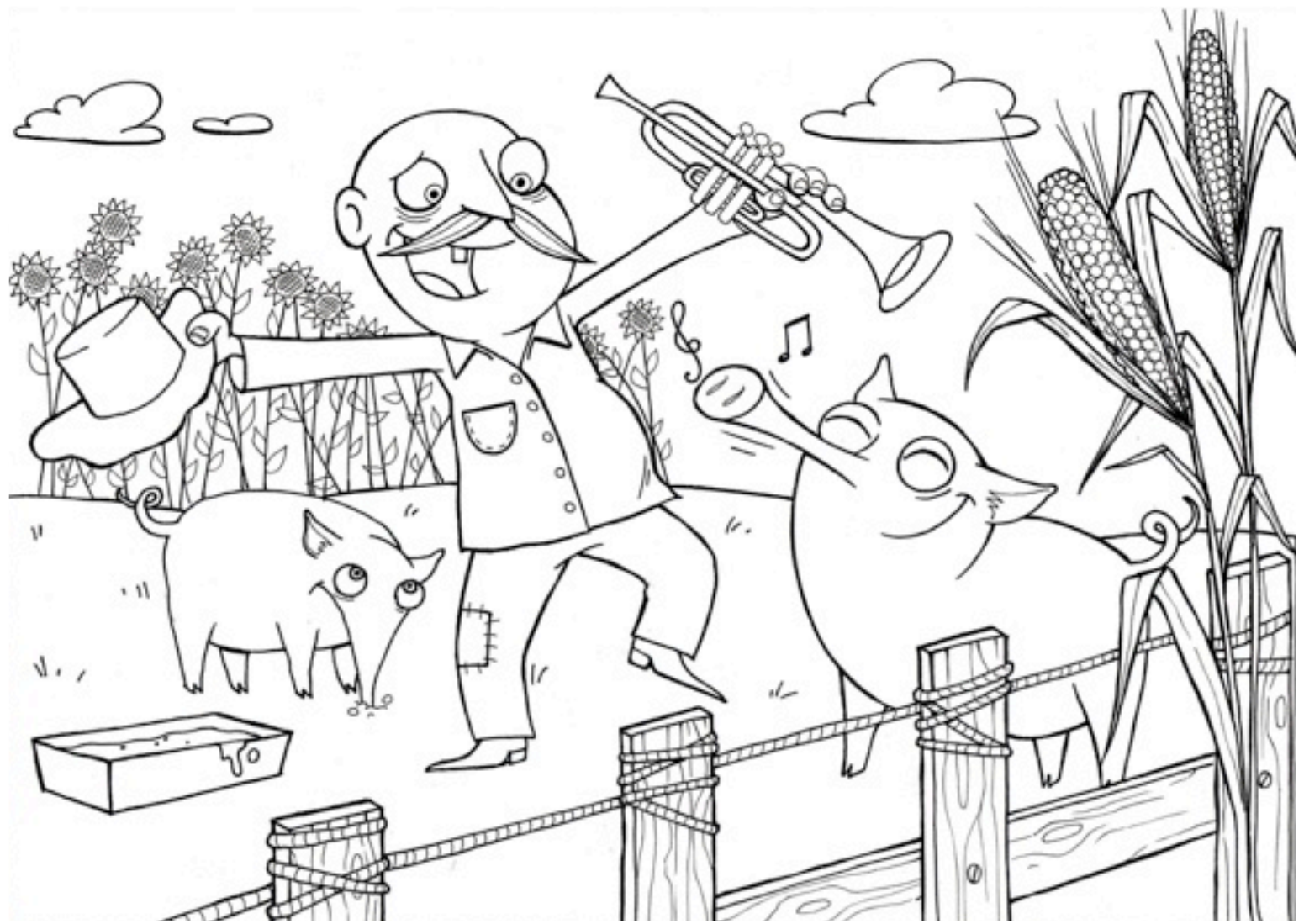
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