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Energy Saving Tips

Did you know you can save 5 to 10 percent on your fuel bill simply by lowering your thermostat by five degrees for four or more hours each day?

Check furnace filter at least monthly (more often if you have dogs or cats) and change or clean as needed.

Reducing air leaks could cut up to 10 percent from your monthly energy bill. To reduce cold drafts and heat loss, seal windows and doors with weatherstripping. Apply a bead of caulk where the door and window frames meet the inside wall.

During heating season, flip the switch on all ceiling fans to reverse airflow direction, which will push hot air downward.

Source: mn.centerpointenergy.com

Success Story: Pete & Claudia's New French Doors

Pete and Claudia H., of St. Louis Park, wanted more light entering their living space. They also wanted to make access to their yard

easier.

Home Street removed Pete and Claudia's old window (below left), and added new framing, and new interior and exterior trim to accommodate their new Marvin double in-swing, French door with side lights, and a

temporary box step (right).

With their new patio door,



Home Street Bucks®, Get Your Rewards!

Home Street is unlike any other local home improvement company. Not only do you receive quality products and workmanship, but we reward you for your customer loyalty, as well!

Everyone who completes a home improvement project with Home Street earns **Home Street Bucks®** equal to the dollar value of their project.

You don't even have to make a purchase from Home Street in order to earn **Home Street Bucks®**. All you have to do is refer your friends, family or co-workers to Home Street Home Improvers for their home improvement projects, and you will be eligible to earn Rewards. Not only will you receive a \$25 gift card to Target or Applebee's for every qualified referral you send to Home Street, once their project is complete you will receive **Home Street Bucks®** equal to the dollar value of the project*. It's that easy!

At each of eight Reward levels, you may choose to redeem your **Bucks®** for either a fun destination, *or* a product or service to further improve your home.

You may accumulate your **Home Street Bucks®** for the Grand Reward of a 7 Night Caribbean Cruise for two, *or* a \$1,500 gift certificate for a local heating & A/C contractor. You may also choose to redeem your Rewards earlier for admission to local attractions or sporting events, a mini get-away to a northern resort, Las Vegas or Cancun. You may also choose to redeem your Rewards for gift certificates to Filament Lighting, Gerten's Nursery & Landscaping, Johnson Hardwood Floors, or receive a new home computer package or a new garage door including installation.

To date, Home Street has paid out over \$3,100 in referral rewards alone!

*See HomeStreetImprovers.com for full terms, conditions and disclosures of Home Street Bucks® program.

Earn Double Home Street Bucks® During January & February 2006!

Sign up for any home improvement project (or refer someone who signs up) during January or February 2006, and you will receive **DOUBLE Home Street Bucks®** when the project is complete. You'll be earning Rewards even faster!

For example, if you spend \$5,000 on your project, you will earn 10,000 **Home Street Bucks®**. Refer just one more person with a \$2,500 project and earn another 5,000 **Home Street Bucks®**.

It's that easy to achieve Reward Level I, and begin redeeming your **Bucks®** for fun Rewards!

Even if work doesn't begin until later, you will earn double **Bucks®** if you sign up during January or February.

See our website for details, HomeStreetImprovers.com.

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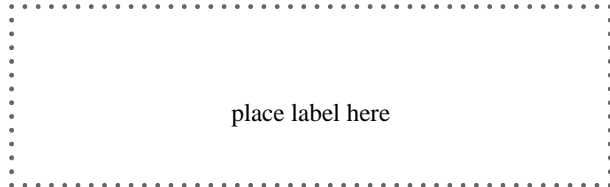


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This Month's Waiting Pet: "Meka"

We, at Home Street, are life-long animal lovers. It is our hope that, through the vast network of our customers and their friends, families and co-workers, we may find homes for these waiting pets. Please post this article at your workplace and place of worship, and share the news of these



This month's pet, "Meka" is currently being fostered through Lucky Dog Rescue. She is a 5 month old, German Shepherd, Rottweiler mix. She's a blank canvas ready for a brand new start in life! She was found

abandoned in northern Minnesota, and is ready for a warm, loving family. You may inquire about her by leaving a message at 763-585-6160 or email PickMe@luckydogrescuemn.com.

If you are not able to make a long-term commitment to a pet, please consider being a "foster parent" to a dog or cat that is waiting for a permanent home. Lucky Dog Rescue is in **DIRE NEED** of foster homes, contact them at 763.585.6160 or www.luckydogmn.petfinder.com for more info.

You may also donate items on their wish list:

Cat litter, cat/dog toys, gift cards for gasoline, collars of all sizes, dog/cat food, gift cards to pet supply stores, used crates of all sizes, financial contributions, postage stamps, Lexmark ink cartridges #'s 82 and 83. Visit

Installer Profile

Galen P. has been Home Street's expert siding installer and brake operator (custom metal bending) since 2001. Galen is a long-time St. Louis Park resident, and has 18+ years experience. He specializes in custom metal fabrication and James Hardie® siding, as well as all types of vinyl.

Galen is very cordial and takes time to discuss the details with homeowners.

All of Home Street's installers are insured, participate in continuing education, and receive comprehensive

Visit Home Street at These Upcoming Events

Home Remodeling Fair

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, 10:30a—3:30p

Eisenhower Community Center

1001 Highway 7, Hopkins

Free event, 75 exhibitors, remodeling seminars. Sponsored by St. Louis Park, Golden Valley, Hopkins and Minnetonka.

South Mpls Housing & Home Imprvmt. Fair

Saturday, March 11, 10a—3p

South High School, 3131 19th Ave. S.,

100 Exhibitors including n'hood assns, realtors, contractors, gov't agencies, etc... Various workshops.

Northwest Suburban Remodeling Fair

Saturday, April 1, 2006, 9a—3p.

Crystal Community Center

4800 Douglas Drive, Crystal

Free event, 75 exhibitors, remodeling seminars. Sponsored by Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale and Maple Grove.

More Helpful Information

You might want to check out the "Home & Garden Show" every Saturday morning from 7—10 a.m. on AM1500 KSTP radio.

The call-in show offers answers to callers' questions regarding home improvement, energy efficiency, home mechanical issues and much more. Call in with your own questions, or just listen—you might be able to learn something new

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