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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Lincorp Construction's first newsletter. We want to keep all of our friends and clients up to date with new home improvement information as well as some fun reading and facts.

Don't miss your opportunity to enter our monthly drawing to win \$100. You can find more information on page 4.

We appreciate any feedback or what you might like to see in our future newsletters.

Once again, thank you for choosing Lincorp Construction to assist you with all of your home improvements.

Ron Jedwab



## Energy Star and the Tax Credit

### ENERGY STAR and the Tax Credit

The following guidance is not intended as legal advice, and you should consult a tax profession with specific questions. As of June 1, 2009, windows, doors, and skylights with U-factor and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) ratings of less than or equal to 0.30 are eligible for a federal tax credit of 30 percent of the product price, up to \$1,500. Although it seems complicated to determine which products meet those requirements, ENERGY STAR makes it easy. Look for the ENERGY STAR label and you can be sure the product you are buying is eligible for the tax credit. For more information visit our website at [www.lincorpconstruction.com](http://www.lincorpconstruction.com).

Windows, doors, and skylights purchased on or after June 1, 2009 must have U-factor and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) ratings of 0.30 or less. These ratings must be certified by the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC). Look for [the NFRC label](#). NFRC is the only federally recognized organization for determining the energy performance of windows, doors and skylights.

Please see the [NFRC website](#) for information concerning product performance. Homeowners must obtain a manufacturer certification statement to document window, door, or skylight eligibility for the tax credit. If the retailer or installer cannot provide this document, it may be available on the manufacturer's Web site.

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## Trivia ~ Water Facts

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- The amount of water on Earth now is about the same as there was millions of years ago.
- Nearly 97 percent of all the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable.
- 2 percent of the Earth's water is locked in ice caps and glaciers.
- Water regulates the Earth's temperature, It also regulates the temperature of the human body!
- The average total home water use for each person in the U.S. is about 50 gallons a day.
- More water is used in the bathroom than any other place in the home.
- A dripping faucet can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water a year.
- A garden hose can discharge up to six-and-a-half gallons per minute with normal household pressure.
- Hot water leaks not only are a source of waste, but a waste of the energy (and the money) used to heat it.
- A top-loading clothes washer uses between 40 and 55 gallons of water per load. Front-loading models use roughly half that amount.
- A dishwasher uses between eight and 12 gallons of water per load.
- You don't need to buy bottled water for health reasons if your drinking water meets all of the federal, state, or provincial drinking water standards. Bottled water can cost up to 1,000 times more than municipal drinking water.
- The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires bottled water quality standards to be equal to those of the US Environmental Protection Agency for tap water. Bottlers must test their source water and finished product once a year.
- The first municipal water filtration works opened in Paisley, Scotland in 1832.
- About two thirds of the human body is water. 70% of your skin is water.
- About 800,000 water wells are drilled each year in the United States for domestic, farming, commercial, and water testing purposes.
- Toilets use an average of 27 gallons per person per day.
- Industries released 197 million pounds of toxic chemicals into waterways in 1990.
- You can survive about a month without food, but only 5 to 7 days without water.
- You can refill an 8 oz glass of water approximately 15,000 times for the same cost as a six-pack of soda.
- If every household in America had a faucet that dripped once each second, 928 million gallons of water a day would leak away.
- A dairy cow must drink four gallons of water to produce one gallon of milk.
- Up to 90 percent of water used to sprinkle lawns can be lost to the atmosphere through evaporation.

## Dual Flush Toilets

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### What is a Dual Flush Water System?

Dual-flush toilets have been very popular in Europe and Asia for years. They save an average of approximately 26 % more water than single-flush 'Low-Flow' models, and you can control when you need more or less water.

Older toilets use about 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush. Low flow toilets use only 1.6 gallons per flush and save your family between 8,000 and 20,000 gallons of water per year, per toilet. Dual-flush toilets take savings to the next level, because they have two buttons - one for a light flush at 0.9 Gallons and the other for a heavy flush at 1.6 gallons.

The ROI Calculation is based on a typical toilet costing about \$150 and the dual-flush models costing about \$300 with an average savings of 15,000 gallons and the cost of water at about \$1.50 / 1,000 gallons.

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## The Michigan Apple

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Apples have influenced society in more ways than just for food. Throughout history, apples have been used to symbolize human emotions and temptations through religion, mythology and folktales. Love, beauty, health, knowledge and wealth have all been linked to apples. The irresistibility and desire of fruit has coincided with conflict, marriage, sin and paradise. The legend of Johnny tells of a man of solidarity and peace, who traveled throughout Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio planting trees and apple orchards. Johnny carried very little with him, wore no shoes and wore a metal cooking pan atop his head. His kind and gentle nature was noticeable to all those around

him. It is also said the Sir Isaac Newton began research into his theories on gravitation after watching an apple fall from a tree. With these wide-ranging stories of legend, myth and imagination, it appears that man's fascination with apples in particular, extends far beyond the many varieties and uses that accompany this fascinating fruit. Michigan is the nation's third largest producer of apples. About 37,000 acres are used for apple production, with the majority of farms covering less than 200 acres, and 950 apple growers living and working in regions near Lake Michigan and along the western part of the state. Located a few miles northwest of Grand Rapids is an area known as

the Fruit Ridge. This first-class growing region sits on elevations of up to 800 feet and benefits from rainfall that comes off the coast of Lake Michigan providing natural irrigation. Michigan currently produces an average of 18 million bushels of apples each year. Beginning in the 1950s, Michigan became popular with its bagged apples. Michigan also plays a vital role in processed apples. About 60 percent of Michigan's apples are processed into another product such as pie filling, applesauce, jellies, butter, juice, cider and vinegar. Michigan is also the leading producer of slices for commercially-prepared apple pie.

## Recipe of the Month

### Cider Glazed Chicken with Easy Apple Raisin Stuffing

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#### Ingredients:

- 1 ½ tbsp. all-purpose flour w ½ tsp. Kosher salt
- ¼ tsp. ground allspice
- 4 (6 oz. each) boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- ½ cup Michigan Apple cider or juice
- 1 tbsp. apple cider vinegar



Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Combine flour, salt and allspice in a resealable plastic bag. Add the chicken; seal and shake bag to coat chicken evenly. Place oil in pan. Add chicken, and cook 4-5 minutes. Turn chicken over and add apple cider and vinegar to pan; cook 5 minutes or until chicken is done. Remove chicken from pan and drizzle with cider glaze. makes 4 servings.

#### Stuffing:

- 1 large Michigan Apple\*, cored, and cut into ½-inch pieces
- ½ cup raisins
- 1 box whole wheat, chicken stuffing mix
- Prepare stuffing mix according to package directions but add apple pieces and raisins to boiling water just before adding stuffing mix.

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## Why Choose Lincorp Construction

**Of the Hundreds of Home Remodelers in the Detroit area Only One Offers Its Customers:**

- **21 Consecutive Years** in **Business**
- **Written** Remodeling **Installation Processes** (so you know specifically what you are getting for your hard-earned dollars)
- **Written** Proposal with a **Price Guarantee** for the work specified
- **Professional Master Remodeler** and **Master Builder** designations from the National Association of Home Builders
- **Certified** in **Lead Safe Work Practices** required by Federal Law as of April 22, 2010
- **Over 25 References** you can call
- Detailed weekly project updates; so **you know what's going on.**
- Direct project **supervision by the owner.**
- And that's just the beginning....

If you **need extra space, a new kitchen, a new bath, a finished basement or you want to improve the layout and livability** of your home, it is possible for your home remodeling or home renovation project to be done right the first time without the hidden charges, hassles or poor quality that are all too commonly found in our industry.

We pride ourselves on **helping people visualize** through photos, design sketches and actual finish materials **what the final end product** will look like. It is my goal that every restoration project becomes a very positive experience. I recognize that most people experience some anxiety while they are looking for and working with a general or remodeling contractor to create their dream kitchen, bathroom or finished basement.