



# Christian Roofing & Remodeling HOMEfront

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## Sizzling Summer Decks

Planning on installing a new deck or sprucing-up an existing one this season? If so, you're not alone. Decks are still among the most popular home improvements. So, what's hot in decks this summer? Here are some of the top deck trends for summer 2008:

**Railings** – Once merely a functional safety element, railings are now doing double duty as design statements. Railings are often the first thing one notices about a deck, so manufacturers are offering more aesthetically pleasing, architecturally interesting options. Hot railing trends include decorative balusters of aluminum, iron or even cable, glass panels and railing systems that combine materials for durability, as well as visual effect.

**Multiple Levels** – Designers are using multiple levels to create virtual rooms for outdoor use. A main deck might function as living and dining space, while a smaller, lower level addition serves as a kitchen area, and another level might host a hot tub. Multi-level decks facilitate multiple uses and add visual interest to the overall deck structure.

**Indoor Luxuries, Outdoors** – Homeowners want to bring the same luxuries they enjoy indoors outside onto their decks. In response, builders are adding touches like built-in fire pits and fireplaces, full kitchens with professional grade gas grills, spas, built-in benches and cabinets, shade structures and lighting to deck designs.

**New Shapes** – Piano-shaped, arrowhead and even oval shapes are appearing in back yards across the country. Modern materials, improved building methods and the creativity of designers and homeowners have permanently changed the shape and size of the great American deck. For added pizzazz, you can incorporate a pattern, such as herringbone or checkerboard, into the deck surface.

**Composite Materials** – While some homeowners prefer wood, composite materials continue to gain popularity. Not only are they durable and often eco-friendly (as many of them are made from recycled materials), composites can now mimic the much-loved look of wood.



## THANK YOU!

“You kept us up to date throughout the project and offered great solutions as things came up. You not only met our expectations, but surpassed them.”

- David Bethel-Larimer

## e-mail the Expert

**Q: Help! I'm having trouble with the commode flushing. The bowl water level is high and I have to use a plunger ever time we flush the commode.**

**Lauren DePaul**

**A:** If you have other toilets in the house that are not experiencing the same problem, then the problem is likely with that particular toilet. If the toilet is older than 10 years old, there could be lime build-up in the passageway, restricting the flow of water, or there could be an object (such as a child's toy, bottle cap, toothbrush, etc.) lodged in the trap of the toilet. In order to remove an object from a toilet it usually has to be taken out and turned upside down in order to get access to the obstruction. If the problem came on suddenly, it's probably an object in the toilet. If the problem came on slowly, it is more likely lime build-up.

*You can e-mail the Expert by sending your questions to [info@christianroofingandremodeling.com](mailto:info@christianroofingandremodeling.com). Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is required to answer your question.*

### THANK YOU FRIENDS FOR YOUR REFERRALS

We cannot thank enough everyone who has referred Christian Roofing & Remodeling to their friends or family this past month. Your kind actions are really what make us a success. While we don't have enough room to mention everyone, here are a few:

Mr. Anthony Alford, referred by Jerry Norris  
Gary & Emily Mahannah, referred by Phil Brust  
Raymond Akers referred by Airfield Construction

### JUST FOR LAUGHS

A little girl sat peacefully in her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to lovingly touch his wrinkled cheek. She began to alternate stroking her own cheek and then his again. Finally she asked, "Did God make you, Grandpa?"

He answered, "Yes, sweetheart God made me a long time ago."

Then she asked, "Did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed honey", he assured her, "God made you just a short time ago."

"Oh", she said, feeling their respective faces again, "God's sure getting better at it, isn't he?"

### FAMOUS QUOTE:

*"I talk and talk and talk, and I haven't taught people in 50 years what my father taught by example in one week."*

- Mario Cuomo

### The History of Father's Day

The United States is one of the few countries in the world that has an official day on which fathers are honored by their children. On the third Sunday in June, fathers all across the country are made to feel special.

The origin of Father's Day is not clear. Regardless of when the first true Father's Day occurred, the strongest promoter of the holiday was Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. It was during a sermon in 1909 that Sonora Smart Dodd became inspired by Mother's Day. After the death of her mother, Sonora and her siblings were raised by their father, William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran. Sonora wanted to show how thankful she was to her father and, because William was born in June, she worked to have the first Father's Day celebrated on June 19, 1910.

States and organizations began lobbying Congress to declare an annual Father's Day. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson approved of this idea. In 1924, President Coolidge recommended that Father's Day become a national holiday. President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day in 1966, but it was not until 1972 that President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.



**"The bad news is, the market threw a wrench into your retirement plans. The good news is, you can probably sell the wrench for \$10 on eBay."**

## Soy with Ease

It's no secret that soy is good for you. Soy offers an excellent source of cholesterol-free, low-fat protein and is gaining acceptance in kitchens across America, but cooking with soy and finding ways to eat it on-the-go can seem daunting to many. However, with the variety of soy products available today, there are easy and delicious ways to incorporate soy into meals and snacks. Here are a few ways to enjoy the health benefits of soy throughout the day:

- ✓ **Snacks** - To keep metabolism high, opt for a balance of complex carbohydrates and heart-healthy proteins. Crunchy soy nuts, soy yogurt with fruit or soy cheese with an apple or whole grain crackers make smart snack choices.
- ✓ **Breakfast** - Start the day off right with a high-energy smoothie blended with frozen berries and soy yogurt. Soy milk enhances any cereal or oatmeal, and soy nut butter is delicious on whole grain toast. Check the grocery aisles for other tasty soy products, including

breakfast patties and soy bacon.

- ✓ **Lunch** - Fuel your brain and body to perform well throughout the afternoon. A few lunch ideas include soy deli slices on whole grain bread with a salad or a grilled veggie sandwich with melted soy cheese. Veggie burgers and soy nuggets are also tasty and quick.
- ✓ **Dinner** - Many of today's soy products require minimal cooking, making them ideal candidates for last-minute dinner dilemmas. Use soy crumbles, tofu, soy cheese and other soy products in place of meat in favorite recipes, including lasagna, tacos, chili, stir-fry and pasta sauce.

Whether you have time to cook or need to grab something and go, soy is a healthy protein source that can help lower the cholesterol and fat content of your favorite snacks and meals.



## JUNE TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Stilton is a cheese which originated in which country?

- A. England
- B. France
- C. Switzerland
- D. The Netherlands

The first correct answer faxed to **706.310.0506** or e-mailed to **info@christianroofingandremodeling.com** will be this month's winner of 2 Movie Passes at **Carmike Cinemas!**

**The June Trivia Challenge winner will be announced in the July newsletter, so watch and see who wins!!**

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW FRIENDS INTO THE CHRISTIAN ROOFING & REMODELING FAMILY

We believe in treating all of our customers like family, just ask any of our longtime customers. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and hope to see you again very soon. Here are just a few of the new members of the family.

- Mrs. Jack Archer, Nicholson
- Marjorie Charmichael, Athens
- Linda Gore, Watkinsville
- Jim Sanzo, Watkinsville
- Dick & Sue Wages, Statham
- John Chambers, Athens
- Carol Druppel, Athens
- Mike & Shiela Dunham, Athens
- Zach Kidd, Colbert

Welcome to everyone who recently joined our family... we couldn't do it without YOU!

## REFER YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY AND GET A \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE

Many of our customers "find" us as a result of word of mouth. This simple, yet gracious, act by our customers has allowed us to be successful. For this generosity, we offer our gratitude and a token of our appreciation through our Referral Reward Program!

Here's how:

1. Simply refer someone to our services by giving the complete back page of this newsletter, or a photocopy, containing your name and address
2. When your referral presents the paper we will automatically mail you a \$25 **American Express** gift certificate

When you refer your friends, neighbors or family, you've helped our business grow. Offering you this reward is our way of letting you know just how much we appreciate your actions

Remember to tell your friends to mention your name whenever they use our services!

# Sudoku Puzzler

The Rules of Sudoku (sūdoku<sup>2</sup>)

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

1				5			
8				3	9	1	
	7	2		1	6		
			4	9			
		3			1		
			7	3			
			2	5		7	8
7		4	1				2
		8					4

For the solution to this issue's Sudoku Puzzler, email us at [info@christianroofingandremodeling.com](mailto:info@christianroofingandremodeling.com)



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## Home Tip

### Baking Soda Makes for Easy Clean-Up

To remove baked-on food from a pan, put baking soda and water in the pan and leave it on the stove for a few minutes. Then simply wash and dry the pan.

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