



IN THE WINDOW OUT THE DOOR

These Southern Georgian Bay specialists tackle open-and-shut cases.

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JASON ACRES, AMANDA ROGERS & TERRILYN SZYJAK *Van Dolder's Custom Exteriors*

Tell us about this door: The owners of this century home came to us wanting to update the older existing door to a new energy-efficient door but keep the look and feel of the original. I contacted Ostaco, one of our main door suppliers. Between Van Dolder's and Ostaco, we provided the customer with a new, custom-size, maintenance-free, energy-efficient door system in the look they wanted. We also installed a new Phantom Screen for ventilation and we reused the original interior wood trim. When we were finished, it looked like the door had always been there.

Tell us about Van Dolder's Custom Exteriors: Van Dolder's is a family-owned and operated business that started in 1964. We are one of the largest window, door and siding suppliers in the area, with locations in Collingwood and Owen Sound. We install everything we sell. Van Dolder's Home Team backs all of our products with a manufacturer's warranty and a five-year, no-cost service warranty on everything we install. All quotes are free and we look after your project from start to finish.

MELISSA O'GRADY, *Owner* *Valley Home Services*

Tell us about this home-watch property: The owners of this 9,750 sq. ft. home are travelling for a year and wanted someone to care for their house, so that there would be no worries on their end. Even though this is a fairly new build, it is surprising how many mechanical issues can arise. Most insurance companies require that if you are absent from your home for extended periods, the house must be checked once or, in some instances, twice a week. Having someone check your home is a small investment to protect your biggest investment.

Tell us about Valley Home Services: I started the company as a cleaning service in the Beaver Valley, and the company has expanded to also offer home-watch programs and gardening services. My staff and I take the time to understand our clients' specific needs and then we create personalized programs. Our aim is our customers' complete satisfaction. We are bonded and insured and we bring our own natural cleaning supplies. The only worry for the customer is deciding which day they would like to have us arrive!

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