

Cartoon

What makes this funny?

Naïve buyer:

The Mom doesn't understand that the country doesn't offer the same services as a city. How will she react if a nearby farmer spreads manure or grows pigs? Do you think she expects to find slow driving tractors or hay wagons on roads near her house? Once she landscapes her yard, will she welcome deer, raccoons, etc.?

Evidence:

- The outhouse shows they have no sewers.
- The boots highlight an unfinished yard.
- There are no sidewalks; no neighbors.

More questions:

- Is this a 3 person family? Why such a big house?
- Where will the child play? Who will he/she play with?
- How will the family get to the store / school , etc.?

Why is the cartoon a commentary on sprawl? How does the cartoonist use exaggeration to make a point?