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Give Your Home a Facelift by Enhancing Your Front Entrance

If you long to give your home that sought after "curb appeal" this summer, consider starting with your front entrance.

Your front entrance is so important when making that first impression, because it's really the 'face' of your home. It's smart to keep the entryway in top shape whether you're selling your house or staying in it for years to come.

Check out these easy improvement projects that use products available at your local hardware store:

- **Repair the Walkway:** Patch cracks and replace loose bricks and pavers. Rent a power washer or purchase a chemical treatment to clean up embedded stains in concrete, stone or asphalt.
- **Illuminate the Path:** Lighting helps ensure guests arrive safely and also acts as a theft deterrent. Clean light fixtures and replace burnt-out bulbs with energy saving bulbs and replace outdated fixtures.

- **Decorate Your Door:** Restore the luster of your door by polishing the hinges and knobs. Paint or stain the door with a color that stands out, yet complements the trim and siding. Hang a pretty wreath to finish the look.
- **Focus on Windows:** Fix broken windows and torn screens. Paint sashes, trim and shutters in a neutral color. Add window treatments and keep the glass crystal clear.
- **Feature Furniture:** Spray a fresh coat of paint on furniture and replace the cushions. Fill an empty spot on the porch or stoop with a quaint bench or porch swing.
- **Keep it Clean:** Sweep the sidewalk and stoop, clear away cobwebs, tighten wobbly railings and repaint posts and supports.
- **The Finishing Touch:** Put out a clean, new welcome mat. Make sure the doorbell works and you're all set to greet visiting friends and family members.

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Household Tips

- Cut fine grade sandpaper with your scissors to sharpen them. About a half dozen cuts should do it!
- Bobbins, thread, and other sewing notions can be hung on a bulletin board with straight pins near your machine.
- Always have trouble with that one roll of tape and finding the beginning of it? Stick a button on the end, and then when you use it, just move the button.

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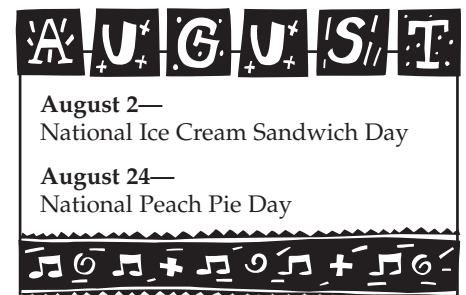
Water... How It Effects Aging

How many times have your heard—"drink eight to ten glasses of water everyday"? How often do we actually drink that much pure water?

Would you believe that as you are reading this page you are dehydrating? We were all born as grapes, but now we are turning into raisins. Your body was once more than 70% water and now, if you're like most Americans past the age of 40, you are lucky to have a hydration level above 60.

Try this test: Before you eat or drink anything in the morning, sip about four ounces of water-no more. You will be surprised to see that in two to three minutes your mouth will feel parched. Drink another four ounces and in two to three minutes you will be thirsty again. You may have to repeat this six or more times before you are no longer thirsty. Add up all the four-ounce servings that you consumed, and you will discover your body's true metabolic need for water.

Excerpted from an article from ArticleCity



August 2—
National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

August 24—
National Peach Pie Day



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If you are thinking of buying or selling a home in the near future, please call for a personal interview and property assessment with no obligation.



This is not intended as a solicitation if your property is currently listed with another agent.

Household Tips

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● Rub pure cornstarch baby powder into your pet’s coat prior to brushing/comb-ing. If there are tangles or mats, it will make them come out much more easily.



To achieve fresher air in the house without paying a fortune for canned spray, squeeze a few drops of a fresh lemon into the dust bag of your vacuum.

- Tea makes a nice inexpensive, yet permanent stain for unstained furniture.
- Sprinkle cinnamon on aluminum foil and place it in a hot oven, leaving the door open. As the cinnamon heats, the cinnamon will permeate the house.
- Spray the inside of a mayonnaise jar white. Store it in the refrigerator as a hiding place for money or valuables.
- Put a metal spoon into a glass before pouring in any hot liquid—this will prevent the glass from cracking.
- Soak a cloth in carbonated water and wrap around a rusty bolt and leave for a few minutes. The bolt should loosen right up.
- Tip for stamp collectors: Place the envelope in the freezer for a few hours. You’ll then be able to easily lift the stamps off with a pair of tweezers.
- Freeze candles before using and they will burn longer.
- The more food you have in the oven, the more efficient it is. The same goes for your freezer.
- Do not store propane tanks in your garage. They may explode when it gets very hot.

Excerpted from The Frugal Shopper

PEACH PIE

- 2-unbaked piecrusts
- 7-cups peaches, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1/2-cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 4-tablespoons flour
- 1-tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2-teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4-teaspoon salt
- 1-tablespoon butter
- 1-egg, beaten



Directions

Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a nine-inch pie pan with unbaked piecrusts. Trim edges. Mix peaches, brown sugar, flour, lemon juice, cinnamon and salt together until well combined. Pour into pie shell and dot with butter. Cover pie with top crust and crimp edges. Brush with beaten egg and make a cross in the center with the tip of a paring knife for a vent. Bake 45 to 55 minutes, until crust is golden and filling bubbles. Remove from oven and cool on a wire rack before serving. Serving Size: 8