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REFRESH your Home and Spirit with a little Spring Cleaning

Spring is on its way! Winter is loosening its cold grip, wildflowers are beginning to bloom and sunshine is peeking into windows. It's time to brighten up, rearrange furniture and welcome the return of warmer weather. A few hours of old-fashioned spring cleaning can refresh and revitalize your home and your spirit!

Where to Start?

- Move furniture and vacuum under it.
- Wash windows inside and out.
- Repair or replace torn screens.
- Bring out warm-weather clothing; clean and store heavy winter wear.
- Inspect, clean and repair outdoor furniture.
- Clean out the garage to create space for sporting goods, camping equipment and garden tools.
- Clear away dead foliage and weeds to make room for new growth.
- Check interior, exterior and grounds for any needed seasonal maintenance.
- Have cooling systems inspected so they are ready for action.
- Schedule a garage or yard sale to dispose of unwanted items and turn your trash into cash!

Spring Cleaning Can be Fun!

Get Prepared!

- Wear comfortable, old clothes—and rubber gloves.
- Make sure the supplies you need are stocked up and ready to go.
- Prepare a bucket of supplies to move around with you (rags, paper towels, furniture polish, and a good all-purpose cleaner will handle most cleaning jobs).
- Grab two garbage bags—one for trash, and one to fill with unwanted items.

Get in the Mood!

- Turn OFF the TV and the phone!
- Turn ON some fun, upbeat music – turn up the volume!
- Let the sun shine in—open the windows and let the clean smell of spring fill your home!



The Thrill of the Hunt!

The familiar adage, "one man's trash is another man's treasure" is never more apropos than in springtime. When warm weather returns, so do Yard Sales. For many, browsing these sales can yield lots of useful items that are simply no longer needed by the homeowner. There are many types of sales—here is a general guide to help you decide what type to have, or to visit!

1. Yard/garage sales—general merchandise including books, children's items and clothing, knick-knacks no longer useful to the family. Pricing is moderately low and haggling will almost always be successful.



2. Multi-family/Neighborhood sales—a larger assortment of children's items, decorative items, books, kitchen supplies, unused craft materials, jewelry, bedding, furniture, exercise equipment, etc. When a multi-family sale is scheduled, residents who wouldn't normally hold yard sales share in the event, yielding an amazing variety of valuable merchandise.

3. Moving Sale—furniture, tools, houseplants and other unnecessary items. People who are moving to a new home are usually eager to get rid of these items for low prices.

4. Rummage Sale—these sales are often fund-raisers, and can yield an amazing variety of valuable merchandise. Prices are high, and haggling is usually discouraged—however, you might be able to grab a bargain in the final hours.

5. Estate Sale—antiques, collectibles, furniture and high-end decorative items. These sales are often operated by professional sellers who take a commission on the total proceeds.

Hunting Tips:

• Make a list of the types of items you are looking for.

• Browse the classified ads in the newspaper and map your route.

• Take along enough small bills and change to cover possible purchases.

If you want the best selection, go early. If you're after the lowest prices, hit the sale during its final hours.

Let the kids bring their own money along to make purchases—they'll get a lesson in money management along the way!





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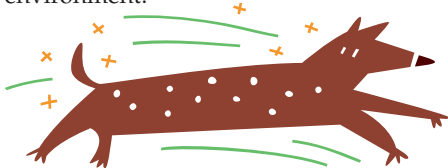
SPRING FACTS

1st Day of Spring – the Vernal Equinox

In the northern half of the world, March 20th is the first day of Spring—when day and night are each 12 hours long. This day is called the vernal equinox...vernal means "of spring" and equinox derives from a Latin word meaning "equal night." It is the first day of spring north of the equator and the first day of autumn in the southern half of the world.

It's Only Spring Fever!

Spring fever commonly occurs with a sudden warm spell following a long cold period. When the temperature rises, the body has to get rid of heat. Dilation, or expansion of blood vessels, occurs so blood can be carried to the body surface where heat can be lost quickly to the air. The energetic feeling experienced is the body's reaction to the large amount of work going on to cope with a warming environment.



March is National Nutrition Month

National Nutrition Month® is sponsored by the American Dietetic Association to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing positive habits for eating and physical activity.

Mesclun, also called Field Greens or Spring Mix, is a classic green salad mix originating in the South of France. It consists of a mixture of very young leaves and shoots of wild and cultivated plants, including endive, dandelion, arugula, lamb's lettuce, oak leaf, mache, radicchio, chervil, sorrel, frisée, purslane, etc. Sometimes edible flowers are included.

SPRING MIX SALAD

- 1 (10 ounce) package Spring Mix (Mesclun)
- 1 ripe avocado - pitted and chopped
- 1 ripe tomato, chopped
- 1 (6 ounce) can black olives, drained
- 6 Greek pepperoncini peppers
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 3 ounces grated Parmesan cheese



In a large bowl, toss together the mixed greens, avocado, tomato, olives and pepperoncini peppers. Set aside. In a small bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, garlic salt, oregano and basil. Pour over the salad mixture and toss to coat. Sprinkle with parmesan and serve.