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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Monthly Tips & Timely Advice For April

Spring Cleaning Tips



Check the Gutters:

Check for loose or leaky gutters. Improper drainage can lead to water in the basement or crawl space. Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear and free of debris.

Use Compacted Soil:

Low areas in the yard or next to the foundation should be filled with compacted soil. Spring rains can cause yard flooding, which can lead to foundation flooding and damage. Also, it creates a breeding ground for insects.

Service the AC Unit:

Have a qualified heating and cooling contractor clean and service the outside unit of the air conditioning system. Clean coils operate more efficiently, and an annual service call will keep the system working at peak performance levels. Change interior filters on a regular basis.



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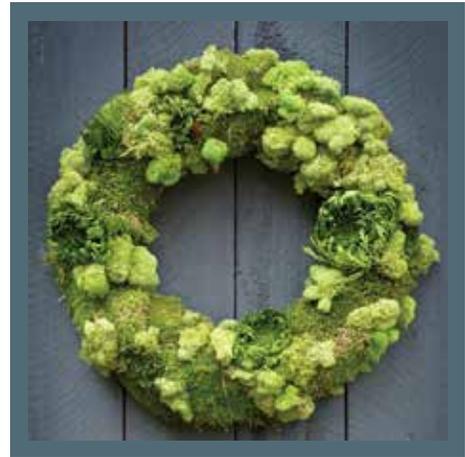
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Green Delight Wreath



Make a wreath to welcome spring, great for a family project!

Materials:

- Styrofoam or metal wreath form
- Hot Glue
- Various types of moss (yes they do exist): mood, sheet and Spanish
- Spider chrysanthemums

Instructions:

- Plug in your hot glue gun.
- Break the moss into various clusters, sizes and shapes.
- Hot glue the backside of your moss to the form, choosing different moss types as you work your way around the wreath.
- Pay special attention to cover all of the form and that the different varieties of moss are spread out over the entire wreath.
- For added depth, glue pieces of moss to each other.
- Tuck in the spider chrysanthemums where you see fit.

Spring Color Trends

Color Trend: Bright Coral

Update your decor with a few new accessories to instantly liven up any piece of furniture. To create a cohesive look, repeat the coral hue in three to four different spots within the same vignette.

Color Trend: Zesty Yellow

Bring color into your nine-to-five by giving your workspace a pop of yellow with uplifting accessories. The spirited hue will encourage your best creativity and allow you to think more clearly.

Color Trend: Shades of Gray

Keep your bedroom relaxed with layered whites and shades of gray. The single color palette is used to create a calming space to dream the night away.

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