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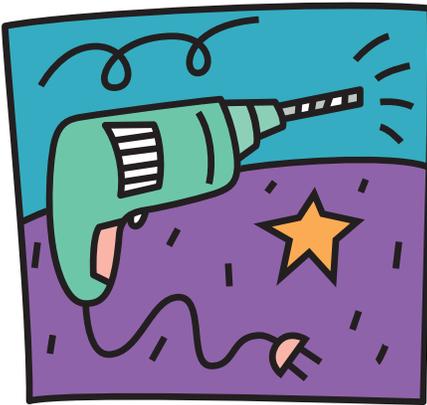
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Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday April 2nd

Spring ahead with these home maintenance tips

- Inspect smoke detectors. Make sure that there is one on each floor of your home. Test them and change the battery every three months or as needed.
- Check electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose fitting plugs. Do not to overload electrical outlets, fuse boxes, extension cords or any other power service.
- Keep a multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible that is filled and ready to use.
- Have air conditioning system inspected by a professional as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Check for damage to roof, and clean gutters and downspouts to keep debris from accumulating.
- Check water heater for leaks and corrosion.
- Clean and/or replace your furnace filters.

- Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct and space under the dryer. Remove all lint, dust, and pieces of material or cloth.
- In your yard, remove all dead trees and keep healthy trees and shrubs trimmed and away from utility wires.
- Repair driveway and walkways that are cracked, broken or uneven to provide a level walking surface.



Clean and Reverse the Ceiling Fans Every Spring and Fall

This is just what it sounds like. Ceiling fans are wonderful aids in heating and cooling as well as being attractive, but they do need a little attention twice a year. Every spring and fall you should do these steps.

- Turn the fan off
- Oil the motor
- Clean the motor housing
- Clean the blades and blade irons
- Dry each piece as you go
- Reverse the air flow direction



"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'"

—Robin Williams



Create a Hummingbird Haven This Spring

Spring has many beautiful signs to announce its arrival each year, but none are more fascinating than the sight of a hummingbird darting from flower to flower.

To create a perfect haven, it is essential to keep in mind that hummers prefer tubular flowers that allow their long, needle-like bills to fit inside these tubes. Their tongues can easily lap up the sweet nectar found deep inside the flower tubes.

Consider planting a mix of annuals and perennials the first year. Hummingbirds are very adept at sipping nectar from any or all these plant groups.

DON'T use pesticides on your plants! They can be deadly to hummingbirds if sprayed directly onto your flowers. Instead, select organic pest control substances to help control unwanted garden pests.



There are many beautiful perennials and annuals to plant in flowerbeds to make your lawn a hummingbird headquarters—over 150 varieties of flowering plants in North America. A few are listed below. Check with your local garden center for a full list.

- **Perennials:** Cosmos, Dahlia, Delphinium, Fuchsia, Geranium, Penstemon, Sage, Verbena
- **Annuals:** Nasturtium, Petunia, Zinnia
- **Vines:** Bougainvillea, Honeysuckle, Lantana, Trumpet vines



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IRS TAX TIP 2006

Every year, more taxpayers discover the benefits of filing their tax return electronically. Consider the many reasons for e-filing your tax return this year.

- **Fast.** No more last minute trips to the Post Office—just hit Send!
- **Accurate.** The electronic filing program checks for errors and necessary information, increasing the accuracy of your return and reducing the need for correspondence with the IRS to clarify errors or omissions.

- **Easy.** The computer software leads you step-by-step. You can usually file a state tax return at the same time you electronically file your federal return.
- **Quicker Refunds.** Generally, when you file electronically, your refund will be issued in about half the time it would take if you filed a paper return. Those who choose direct deposit will get their refund in even less time.
- **Peace of mind.** Once the return is accepted for processing, the IRS electronically acknowledges receipt of the return.
- **Payment options.** With electronic filing, you can file your return early but wait to pay any balance due by the April deadline. You can also pay electronically, using a credit card, electronic funds withdrawal or, in some cases, the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System.

April 17, 2006

Your 2005 income tax return is due, unless you file for an extension until August 15, 2006. Note: The April 15 statutory deadline for income tax filing falls on a Saturday. When that happens, the IRS pushes the deadline to the next business day.

SPRING FESTIVAL SALAD

Ingredients:

- 6 cups mixed fresh greens; rinse, dry and rip
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup roasted sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup gorgonzola cheese; crumbled
- 12 large grapefruit sections
- 4 large, fresh strawberries; rinsed and sliced

Directions:

Place 1 1/2 cups of the mixed greens on each salad plate. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of each of the next four ingredients on top of the greens.



Arrange 3 of the grapefruit sections in a spiral on top of the greens and fan 1 sliced strawberry in the center of the grapefruit sections. Serve with favorite salad dressing. Serves 4.