

The Resident's Wrap Up

8 Steps to Go Green and Save

It seems like everyone's "going green" these days. Luckily, many of the steps we can take to stop climate change can make our lives better, too. Our grandchildren – and their children – will thank us for living more sustainably. Let's start now. Here are 8 simple things you can do today to help reduce your environmental impact, save money, and live a healthier, happier life.

1. Saving Energy = Saving Money

- Turning down your thermostat, keeping lights off in rooms not occupied, and washing your clothes with cold water can help reduce your energy consumption and cost.

2. Saving Water – By taking shorter showers, and ensuring each faucet has an aerator connected can

really cut down on water usage.

3. Eating Smart – If you eat meat, add one meatless meal a week. Meat cost a lot at the store, and its even more expensive when you consider the related environmental and health costs.

4. Skip Bottled Water – By purchasing a water purifier, you can help reduce the production of water bottles and also save a few dollars by filling up yourself.

5. Buy Used – Consider service sites like Craigslist or FreeSharing to track down gently used furniture, appliances and other items cheaply, or even possibly free. You'll not only generate a lot of savings, but you will also be saving that item from being thrown into a landfill.

6. Borrow Instead of Buy – There is an endless list of commonly borrowed item. Instead of rushing out to the store to grab a tool or book, simply ask friends or a neighbor if they have it instead.

7. DIY – There are a ton of sites like Pinterest out there to help save you a ton of money. By mixing your own cleaning supplies or rehabbing an old dresser, doing it yourself isn't only good for the environment but your mind, too.

8. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Most products nowadays can be used over and over again without deteriorating in quality. By sticking with these three R's, you'll be contributing to cleaner, safer world for all of us.

Our February Contest

*The Winner of our
Valentine's Day TV Contest is...*

**Miranda C.,
of St. Clair Shores**

*Be sure to follow us
online to stay up to
date with our current
promotions and contest!*



KNOW YOUR TEAM

Service Specialties II, Inc. Property Management's office staff is divided into two teams. Each team is comprised of a service coordinator, and a bookkeeper. The first letter of your street name will tell you your office team member is. Feel free to contact your appropriate team member by email for any communication needs. Including all of your contact information in your message will ensure timely responses to your issues and needs!

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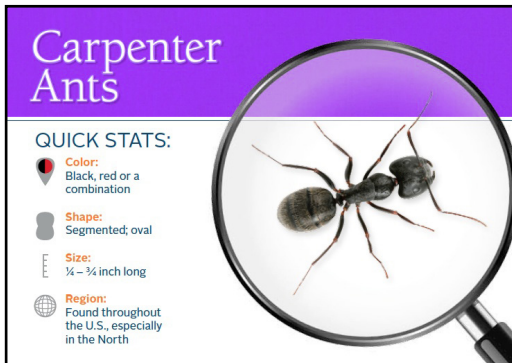
Question of the Month

Question : "What is an after-hours emergency? What's the phone number I call when I have one?"

Answer: The dictionary defines an emergency as a serious situation needing prompt attention. Service Specialties Property Management provides an after-hours phone line that you can call for an emergency service need. One of our Maintenance team members carries a pager that responds to your emergency call. It is imperative you clearly state your name, phone number, property address and the emergency you are experiencing. The maintenance member is NOT authorized to respond to any non-emergency issue. **Your emergency must be life-threatening or property-threatening before you can receive an emergency response. Our emergency number is 586-463-5886.**

Did You Know?

Carpenter ants can nest inside or outside of your home. They usually nest in areas within mature, healthy trees and then migrate to a cozy spot behind a wall (they love bathrooms) squally in dampened wood. Unlike termites who eat wood for survival, carpenter ants chew wood for their moisture content and to create cavities for nesting. Over a period of years, carpenter ants can cause considerable structural damage. Please contact us if you suspect carpenter ants. They are relatively easy to eradicate.



Simple Reminders For All Of Our Tenants

1. Keep the premises as clean and sanitary as the condition of the premises permits.
2. Use and operate gas, electrical and plumbing fixtures properly. Do not, for example, overload electrical outlets, flush large foreign objects down the toilet, or allow any gas, electrical or plumbing fixture to become dirty.
3. Dispose of trash and garbage in a clean and sanitary manner.
4. Do not destroy, damage or deface the premises, and do not allow anyone else to do so.
5. Do not remove any part of the structure, dwelling unit, facilities, equipment or appurtenances, and do not allow anyone else to do so.
6. Use the premises as a place to live and use the rooms for their proper purpose. For example, a bedroom must be used as a bedroom and not as a kitchen.

Source : LandlordStation.com



Recipe of the Month White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake Ingredients

- 1 cup chocolate cookie crumbs
- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen raspberries
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 cups white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup half-and-half cream
- 3 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, mix together cookie crumbs, 3 tablespoons sugar, and melted butter. Press mixture into the bottom of a 9 inch springform pan.
2. In a saucepan, combine raspberries, 2 tablespoons sugar, cornstarch, and water. Bring to boil, and continue boiling 5 minutes, or until sauce is thick. Strain sauce through a mesh strainer to remove seeds.
3. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). In a metal bowl over a pan of simmering water, melt white chocolate chips with half-and-half, stirring occasionally until smooth.
4. In a large bowl, mix together cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs one at a time. Blend in vanilla and melted white chocolate. Pour half of batter over crust. Spoon 3 tablespoons raspberry sauce over batter. Pour remaining cheesecake batter into pan, and again spoon 3 tablespoons raspberry sauce over the top. Swirl batter with the tip of a knife to create a marbled effect.
5. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until filling is set. Cool, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 8 hours before removing from pan. Serve with remaining raspberry sauce.

Source : AllRecipes.com

