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"When it comes to luck, make your own."

- Bruce Springsteen

12 Ideas for Your Spring-Cleaning List

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The joy in a breath of fresh, clean, springtime air gets us in the mood for fresh, clean...everything. From the bright springtime colors in our wardrobes to cool, refreshing salads, pretty flowers, and baby birds, we crave the novelty and freshness of spring. A good spring cleaning is just what you need to bring that spring freshness into your home.

Your spring cleaning can be as deep and involved or as quick and painless as you like. Whether you want to empty every cupboard and clean every crevice or just put fresh flowers on the table with a new lemon and lilac candle, the goal is to bring that light, refreshing feeling into your home. Use the ideas below to help you make a plan to welcome spring!

1. Make a plan – you're doing it right now. Decide how much time you want to spend on spring cleaning, what you'd like to accomplish, and if you'd like to clean by room or by task.
2. Include the standards - clear out clutter and organize; clean under, between, behind, above, and inside; clean the appliances; wash the trim work, baseboards, and cupboard doors, wipe down the walls; clean the floors and rugs.
3. Freshen fabrics - from bed pillows and bulky quilts to couch cushions and curtains, refresh the soft surfaces around your home. Some items go in the washing machine, while others are best hung out in the sun for the day or sprinkled with baking soda and vacuumed.
4. Electronics and small appliances - replace frayed charging cords, dust behind the TV, clean remotes, and organize video games. Don't forget the toaster, stand mixer, and coffeemaker.
5. Dust and clean lights, ceiling fans, lamps, and other fixtures. Switch ceiling fan rotation.
6. Wash windows and blinds.
7. Remove hard water buildup from showerheads and faucets. Clean garbage disposal and freshen drains if needed.
8. Polish and shine – wax floors, oil or polish counters, clean and seal grout, polish metal door and window hardware.
9. Rotate seasonal decorations, rotate your wardrobe, and store winter items.
10. Empty, organize, and clean bags and purses. Wash reusable bags. Ensure vehicles are properly equipped.
11. Clean your cleaning tools – Wash brooms and trash containers, clean vacuum and replace or wash filters, and disinfect toilet cleaning tools.
12. Health and Safety – check your smoke detectors and CO2 detectors, check your fire extinguishers, restock your first aid kit, and review your fire escape and emergency shelter plans.

Corned Beef Hash Egg Crescent Ring

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Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package refrigerated crescent rolls
- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 (15 ounce) can **HORMEL®** Corned Beef Hash
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
- Salsa for serving

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Separate crescent rolls and arrange them on the parchment paper in a circle with the short sides of triangles forming a 4-inch circle; overlap the edges of the pieces. Press dough where it overlaps to flatten.
3. Whisk eggs, milk, garlic powder, onion powder, cumin, and cayenne pepper together in a bowl.
4. Melt butter on medium low heat in a nonstick pan. Add chopped red peppers and jalapeno peppers. Cook and stir until tender, about 5 minutes. Pour in eggs. Gently scramble, pushing and lifting eggs until just set, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat.
5. Heat vegetable oil on medium heat in a nonstick pan. Add Hormel Corned Beef Hash. Cook and stir until heated through and beginning to brown, 8 to 10 minutes.
6. Spoon corned beef hash around the crescent roll ring. Top with 1/2 cup shredded cheese and scrambled eggs. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup shredded cheese.
7. Pull the points of each triangle over the hash, eggs, and cheese and carefully tuck under the center to form a ring. Some areas will have exposed filling.
8. Bake in preheated oven until browned, about 20 to 25 minutes.
9. Let cool 3 minutes before serving. Serve with salsa.

Dreaming of your new Garden Plot

If longer days have you dreaming of a new garden plot, these three questions will help get you started. With just a little planning, your new garden will be looking great in no time.

Why do you want this new garden bed?

Do you want something pretty to look at from your patio or a great vegetable harvest? Do you want to attract butterflies or relax tending the garden on Saturday afternoons? Whatever your reason, being clear about your goals will set you up for success.

What size and shape should it be?

Are you trying to match existing landscaping? Does the plot need to accommodate annual rototilling? Do you like right angles or sweeping curves? Will it have stone borders, or wooden raised beds, or a little picket fence? Decide what form your new garden plot will take before you start digging.

What will you be planting?

You may have already decided what to plant, but keep in mind that a vegetable garden will have different needs than a flowerbed or a series of well-trimmed bushes. Make sure your entire garden plan works together, including location, size and shape, and plantings.

Where do you want this new garden bed?

There are two different ways to go about this. Either you have chosen a site and need to figure out the best kind of garden for the spot, or you have chosen a type of garden and need to choose the best site. Generally, the best sites will receive lots of sunshine, have good drainage, convenient access, low wind, and clean soil.

Be mindful of low, spongy areas, most garden plants do not appreciate soggy roots. If your chosen plot has poor drainage, you can build a raised bed, install a drainage system, or even plan a pond with aquatic plants instead of a traditional garden.

Constant winds can dry out the soil, pull moisture from plant leaves, and exacerbate extreme weather conditions. If it's practical, you may be able to install a windbreak.

Install raised garden beds to work around soil contaminated by pesticides, lead-based paint chips or asbestos, spilled oil or gasoline, and residues from burning coal or garbage.

Ensure your new plot will be convenient, with easy access to water and your tool storage. You'll want your new garden bed to be comfortable to walk or wheel around in as well.

And if your area gets less than 6 hours of full sun every day, look for shade-friendly plants. A typical vegetable, herb, or flower garden just won't thrive without adequate light.



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