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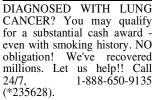
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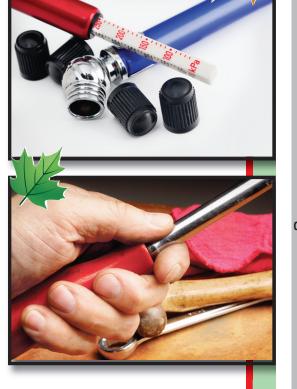




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Reader's DE

KETO CHICKEN THIGHS WITH VEGETABLE RAGOUT 3 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 cup whipped

almond milk

1/2 cup grated

for garnish

cream cheese spread

1/4 cup unsweetened

Parmesan cheese

Chopped fresh parsley,

4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs

- 1 Tbsp. Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper 2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil 1 lb. Roma tomatoes,
- chopped (2-1/2 cups)
- 1 zucchini, halved and sliced (2 cups)
- 1 yellow summer squash, halved and sliced (1-1/4 cups)

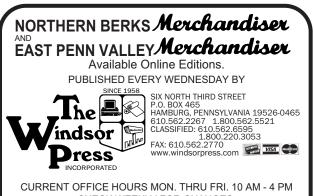
Sprinkle chicken with 1-1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning, 1/4 tsp. salt, and the pepper.

Heat 1 Tbsp. oil in an extra-large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook, 7 to 9 minutes per side, until browned and an instant-read thermometer inserted into thickest parts registers 170°F. Transfer to a plate

Add remaining 1 Tbsp. oil, the tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash, remaining 1-1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning, and 1/4 tsp. salt to skillet. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until tomatoes begin to break down, 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in garlic, cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Stir in cream cheese and almond milk until well combined. Stir in Parmesan. Return chicken to skillet; cook until heated through, about 3 minutes. Garnish with parsley.

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House Powerwashing Tips

Powerwashing, also known as pressure-washing, utilizes a high-velocity water spray to remove dirt and residue from the exterior surfaces of a home. It is frequently used on vinyl siding, concrete and sometimes wood decks to treat mildew and other growth that accumulates over time.

Powerwashing can be a great way to remove grime without having to scrub by hand. But it requires a delicate touch to get it right. Sometimes it is best to leave the job to professionals. But homeowners willing to give

protection and ear protection can be handy. Most units will connect to a standard garden hose. Choose old clothing and expect to get wet. Never point a powerwasher hose at anyone and do not attempt to rinse feet

or hands in the spray. The renovation resource The Family Handyman suggests starting with a wide-degree nozzle to test out the spray on the surface that needs to be cleaned. A 15- or 25-degree nozzle is usually the wand for general cleaning and paint stripping without damaging the of the surface home. Experiment with an optimal distance of the washer wand to get the desired cleaning effects without causing any damage. Work using a horizontal and slightly downward angle to avoid driving water up under the siding of a home. Avoid spraying any electric wires or components on the home. Also, try not to spray upward, and angle the spray away from doors, windows and vents. Some washers have reservoirs that will hold a detergent solution. Choose the right detergent for the job. Keep in mind that cleansers containing bleach can damage surrounding plants, so they may need to be covered while the washing takes place. Avoid the use of ladders when operating a powerwasher. The push-back from the wand can cause falls. Instead. opt for an extension wand to address the upper reaches of a home. Powerwashing a home is an effective way to remove stubborn grime and refresh the look of a home's exterior.



Defining Hardscape And How To Use It

Curb appeal is beneficial in various ways. Curb appeal can make a home more attractive to prospective buyers and give existing homeowners a place they want to come home to. In its study of the worth of outdoor remodeling projects, National Association the of Realtors found standard lawn care and overall landscape upgrades were most appealing to buyers, as well as the most likely to add value to a home. Although plants, grass and other items can improve curb appeal, homeowners should not overlook hardscaping. Hardscaping is an industry term

that refers to the non-living features of a landscape. These features can include everything from decks to walkways to boulders. ornamental Introducing paths or paver walls to a property helps develop that home's hardscape. Hardscape and soft elements often work in concert to create inspiring landscape designs.

DIY landscape designers can heed certain tips to make the most of hardscape features on their properties.





Think about the purpose.

Hardscaping can look good but also serve key purposes. Pebbles or gravel can mitigate trouble areas that don't grow grass or plant life well. Retaining walls hold back soil in yards with sharply inclined hills. Mulch can set perimeters around trees and shrubs, as well as planting beds. Fencing, another form of hardscaping, is essential for establishing property boundaries and adding privacy

Consult a professional. While many hardscaping addi-



Tips For Planting Fall Vegetables

Tending to backyard vegetable gardens can fill many hours of enjoyable downtime in the great outdoors. What's more, the bounty produced by such gardens provides healthy, fresh foods to gardeners and their loved ones

Although spring and summer are widely seen as the peak of gardening season, the mild temperatures of autumn can be a prime time for planting veg-etables as well. Certain lateseason treats like carrots, kale, spinach, and turnips can thrive in fall gardens. Many different foods are quick crops that can go from seed to table in about six weeks. When sown in early fall, these vegetables will be ready to put on the table for mid-October feasts. Beets, green onions, broccoli, and cabbages can be planted in late summer for fall harvest. Gardeners who live in hardiness zones eight through 10 (the southern portion of the United States) can plant fall vegetables as late as December. Many of these plants can tolerate light frost,

• The summertime location of the garden may still be ade-quate, but be sure to choose a location that gets eight full hours of sunlight per day.

• If using an existing garden site, clear out any detritus from summer plants and any weeds that have sprouted. If you are planting a new garden, remove any turf before tilling the soil.

 Amend the soil with sand, compost, manure fertilizer, and any other nutrients needed depending on the types of vegetables you intend to grow.

· While fall vegetables can be grown successfully from seeds, it may be more time-friendly to work from larger transplants, advises the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension.

 Some plants may need a little protection as they grow if temperatures begin to dip. Cover with a blanket, cardboard box or plastic tunnel to insulate.

Remember to water according to the vegetables planted and to keep an eye on readiness for vegetables. Turnips, beets, rutabagas, and carrots can be dug out when the roots are plump and crisp.

it a go can try powerwashing themselves, as various stores rent power washers.

The home improvement website ImproveNet says that, until very recently, pressure washers were almost exclusively commercial machines sold to professionals or rented to do-ityourselfers. Lately manufacturers have targeted homeowners looking to buy with lightweight options. For those who see powerwashing as a routine venture, purchasing a unit may be worth the investment.

It is important to exercise caution when operating a power-washing machine. The highvelocity spray can tear through skin. It is key to get a feel for the washer, and try less pressure first to get a handle on the magnitude of the tool.

Don safety gear prior to using a pressure washer. Gloves, eye



Choose materials.

As with many landscaping projects, homeowners must first determine what types of addi-tions they would like on their properties. Common hardscape features include patios, decks, walkways of pavers or bricks, and retaining walls. Hardscape elements can be functional or simply decorative features that add whimsy to the yard.

Choose a theme.

The right style allows hardscaping and softscaping materials to work together. For example, homeowners may want to give

tions can be handled by novices, large-scale projects, such as patios and decking, can change the grading of the vard. Professionals can map out how to handle drainage issues and meet building codes. In addition, professional installation can ensure hardscaping features last for years to come.

Hardscaping should blend with the nature around it and take its cues from the surrounding environment. This can help softscaping and hardscaping work as one.

which may even help sweeten the vegetables.

A handful of unique factors need to be taken into consideration when planning fall vegetable gardens.

Vegetable gardens need not cease when the last days of summer vanish. Fall produce is delicious and can be easily planted and harvested even after the first frost.



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Autumn Is A Prime Tipe To Tend Lawns And Gardens

Autumn is gardening season. That statement may not seem right to those who think of the spring as the peak time to care for lawns and gardens. However, autumn is an ideal time to get into the garden and ensure that flowers, trees and garden beds will over-winter successfully.

A number of things make autumn a prime gardening sea-son. The cooler days of fall enable gardeners to spend ample time outdoors without the threat of blazing heat. In addition, soil harbors a lot of residual warmth in autumn. Also, the colder temperatures haven't yet arrived in autumn, nor have the leaves completely

fallen, making fall a prime time to assess what's already in the landscape, what needs pruning back and where to address

planting for next year. Gardening enthusiasts can focus their attention on these areas this fall. Pamper perennials. As annu-

als and perennials start to fall back, mark the spots where perennials are located so they can be easily identified later on. This way, when planning spots for spring bulbs or other spring layouts for next year, perennials won't be overlooked or covered over.

• Prune shrubs. Look at shrubs and trees and cut out dead or diseased wood.

Protect Your Home (and more) From Winter's Freeze

Freezing temperatures may be good for ice skating or building snowmen, but sub-freezing temperatures can be dangerous for the average person and his or her home.

Cold weather often leaves people scurrying to do whatever is necessary to safeguard themselves from the big chill. But it's important homeowners also protect their homes in cold weather.

Plumbing

Plumbing and pipes may be vulnerable to cold weather. Frozen pipes may burst and cause substantial damage to a home, potentially causing flooding and structural damage. Homeowners should disconnect and drain garden hoses before winter arrives. Water to outdoor hose bibs should be turned off, though the valves on these outdoor faucets should be left open to drain. Also, outdoor faucets can be covered

with insulating foam covers. The Red Cross says pipes that freeze most frequently include pipes in unheated areas, such as basements, attics, garages, and crawl spaces. Close vents to the outside in areas like attics and basements to limit the amount of cold air that gets

Clean up borders. Weed and

tidy up borders and lawn edging.

Install pavers or rock wall.

Embrace the cooler tempera-

tures to work on labor-intensive

projects, such as putting in a

garden bed, retaining wall or

Remove spent summer veg-

gies. Take out vegetable gar-

den plants that have already

bloomed and borne fruit. Tidy

up vegetable gardens and start

to sow cooler weather plants,

such as onions, garlic, beans,

· Rake and compost. Rake the

leaves and gather grass clip-

pings to add to the compost

Plant spring bulbs. Get tulips

and other spring bulbs ready for

planting so they'll burst with

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indoors. Think about insulating unheated areas, as well as using pipe sleeves, heat tape or wraps on exposed pipes. By opening kitchen and bath-room cabinet doors, homeowners can allow warm air from a home to reach pipes under the sink. During extreme freezes,

keep cold water dripping from a sink to prevent pipes from freezing.

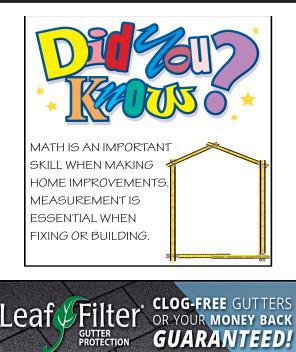
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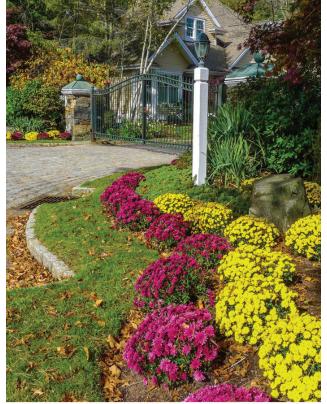
It's important to ensure that heating systems are working properly prior to the cold-weather season. It may only take hours for the interior of a home to reach dangerously low temperatures without adequate heat. Homeowners should schedule annual checkups of furnaces and hot water heaters. Inspect the heat exchanger for cracks, install a clean air filter and make sure all thermostats are working properly.

Have fuel ready

Homeowners who heat their homes with oil, wood or coal should make sure they have plenty of fuel on hand in advance of winter. Shortages can occur, and it may take some time for new fuel to arrive in the midst of a cold snap.

As a precaution, homeowners





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Dig up herbs. Relocate herbs like parsley or basil to indoor gardens. Otherwise, strip all leaves and freeze for storage during winter.

Consider mums. Chrysanthemum plants are perennials. While they look beautiful in pots, if planted, maintained and winterized, they can bloom every fall.

 Fertilize the lawn. Fertilizing in autumn helps ensure grass will stay healthy throughout the winter.

· Add mulch and compost to the garden. Replenish spent soil with mulch and compost so garden beds will be revitalized for spring planting.

Prune hedges. Tidy up hedges, as they won't be growing much more this year.Clean and store equipment.

Clean, sharpen and oil all equipment, storing lawn and garden tools properly so they are ready for spring and not lying out all winter

Áutumn may not seem like gardening season, but there are plenty of lawn and garden tasks to tend to during this time of year.

can rely on portable space heaters to fill in the heating gaps during freezing temperatures. Exercise extreme caution with these devices, turning them off when leaving the room and remembering to avoid overloading outlets.

Protect outside

Drain birdbaths, clean out downspouts and remove water from other items where water can freeze and cause damage. Inspect roofing prior to the snowy season, but stay off roofs during freezing weather. Remove snow shovels and other winter gear from storage and make sure the items are easily accessible during snowstorms.

Winter's bite can be severe. Homeowners can protect themselves and their properties when the freeze sets in.



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