

Over the Fence

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Get Your Home in a Summertime Mood

With the start of summer (and the end of school) this month, June is the perfect time to prep your house and yard for a season of relaxation and fun.

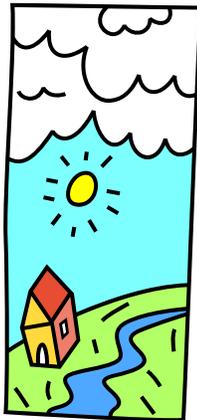
- **Give your kitchen a summer refresh.** Pull out the tools you use more in summer (hello, ice cream maker!) and put them in easier-to-reach places.

- **Catch up on home maintenance.** No one is perfect! If you've fallen behind on some home maintenance tasks, use the longer days and pleasant weather to your advantage and tackle a few projects you might have missed (like cleaning out your garage).

- **Ready the guestroom.** Expecting overnight guests this summer? Prepare before they arrive, and you can avoid last-minute stress. Check that you have fresh sheets and towels, a bedside lamp, extra pillows and blankets, and a place to set their luggage.

- **Prep for summer gatherings.** Having some party staples (and ready-to-go gifts) on hand makes a month of graduations, celebrations and birthdays easier to handle. If you're planning to host any parties this month, stock up on beverages, fuel for your grill and frozen party snacks now.

- **Clean out kids' rooms and store memorabilia.** Sort through kids' art and school projects that come home at the end of the year and pick out a few special pieces to keep.



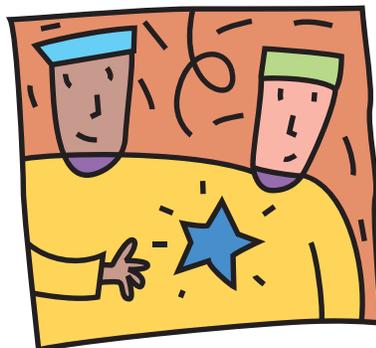
JUNE HOME WARRANTY TIP: To get the longest life out of your cooling system, change the filters at least once each season. Consider hiring a licensed professional to service the equipment before the heat of summer.

- **Keep a handle on collections.** Whether you collect vintage kitchen tools or antique quilts, it is possible to have too much of a good thing. Keep your collections all in one place, and be mindful of what will fit in your home comfortably before adding more pieces.

- **Assess the games and gear.** Pull out the lawn games, beach toys and board games so they're ready for enjoying during summer downtime. But be sure to peek inside those boxes. If the Monopoly money has gone missing, or you're short on chips in the poker set, replenish or replace them.

- **Have dinner outdoors.** Longer light in the evenings and pleasant weather make for perfect conditions for dining alfresco. Even a simple weeknight dinner feels special when enjoyed outside!

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June 18th is Father's Day

This year, celebrate the father figures in your life with some activities that are a break from the normal weekend routine.

1. **Take the mess outside!** Avoid the hassle of cleaning up the kitchen by getting the family together and having a picnic or grilling outdoors. Give your child a special job or role in preparing the meal that is appropriate for their age and abilities. Your child will like being able to help with the food preparations.

2. **Build something together.** This can be a special project that you and your child work on for years. You could build a birdhouse that will attract different types of birds each morning. Building a garden or an outdoor flower box is another fun way to be creative and constructive with dad this weekend.

3. **Take a hike!** June is a great time to go for family walk, visit a forest preserve or state park. Other fun options include going to a baseball game, fishing or visiting the local farmer's market.

4. **Bowling is a perfect rainy day activity.** Many bowling alleys have father's day specials that include discounts on bowling and food.

5. **Have a movie night.** Let's bring out dad's old favorites again. When having a movie night, you can add in some fun snacks that are themed for the movie or dad's choice.

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June Calendar

June 14th: Flag Day

June 18th: Father's Day

June 21st: Summer Begins

National Safety Month



How Can National Safety Month Make a Difference?

We can all use this month to raise awareness about important safety issues like:

- Medication safety and prescription painkiller abuse
- Driving, biking, and working safely
- First aid and emergency preparedness
- Preventing slips, trips, and falls



Everyone can get involved in reducing the risk of injuries. Together, we can share steps people can take to protect themselves and others. For more ideas and information, visit <https://healthfinder.gov/NHO/PDFs/June2NHOToolkit.pdf>

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ANTIPASTO CHICKEN SALAD

This rich and flavorful main dish chicken salad is perfect for summer entertaining.

Ingredients

- 3 cups torn romaine lettuce
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 cup sliced salami
- 1 cup cubed mozzarella cheese
- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded, and diced

- 1 tomato, seeded and chopped
- 1 yellow bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup zesty Italian salad dressing

Preparation

- Arrange lettuce on large serving platter.
- Top with remaining ingredients, then drizzle salad dressing over all. 6 servings

