



## SPRING INTO FRESH LIVING: SIMPLE WAYS TO REFRESH YOUR APARTMENT

As the days get longer and the sun shines a little brighter, there's no better time to refresh your apartment and embrace the new season. Whether you're a busy parent, a young professional, or enjoying your golden years, spring brings the perfect opportunity to breathe new life into your home - without needing a hammer, paintbrush, or major renovation.

Here are some simple, lease-friendly ideas to make your apartment feel renewed and refreshed this April:

### **De-clutter One Space at a Time**

Spring cleaning doesn't have to mean a full-day overhaul. Pick one drawer, closet, or shelf a day and slowly clear out what you no longer use. You'll be surprised how much lighter your space—and your mood—feels with just a little less clutter.

### **Add Pops of Color**

While painting walls isn't allowed, you can still brighten your space with colorful throw pillows, lightweight curtains, or fresh bedding. Even a patterned rug or

a cheerful tablecloth can make your home feel completely new for the season.

### **Bring the Outdoors In**

Fresh flowers or low-maintenance houseplants can do wonders for a space. Try placing a vase of tulips on your table or a small succulent near the window. Not only do they add beauty, but studies show plants can improve your mood and air quality.

### **Let the Sunshine In**

Take a moment to clean your windows and pull back those curtains. Letting in natural light can instantly lift the atmosphere of your apartment and help shake off the last of the winter blues.

### **Switch Up the Scents**

Pack away heavy winter scents and opt for lighter, spring-inspired scents. Think fresh linen, citrus, or floral fragrances in room sprays or wax warmers—easy and renter-friendly!

### **Embrace the Season Together**

Check for upcoming spring events and friendly neighbor meetups. From egg hunts and gardening tips to spring walks, it's a great time to reconnect with your neighbors and enjoy where you live.

Spring is a season of renewal—and even the smallest changes can have a big impact on your space and spirit. So open the windows, let in the fresh air, and welcome the new season with joy!



## SPRING PEA AND PASTA SALAD



### INGREDIENTS:

- 8 oz of short pasta (like rotini or bowtie)
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 3/4 cup italian dressing
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar (or feta) cheese
- Salt and Pepper, to taste

### OPTIONAL ADD-INS:

Chopped Ham or Bacon, Onions, Bells Peppers, Fresh herbs (like dill or parsley)

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Cook the pasta according to package instructions. In the last 2 minutes of boiling, add the frozen peas. Drain and rinse with cold water.
2. Combine the pasta and peas with Italian dressing in a large bowl.
3. Add cheese and any optional ingredients, mix well.
4. Chill for at least 30 minutes before serving. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

## PUZZLE CORNER

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## APRIL 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <u>Rent Due</u> <b>Office Closed for Meeting</b> April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Pest Control Building 3 (7812)	10 <b>Late Notices at 10:00 am</b>	11	12 Passover
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16 Pest Control Building 1 (7808)	17	18 <b>Office Closed</b> Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21 <b>Office Closed</b> Easter Monday	22 Earth Day	23 <b>RBC Inspection</b> Pest Control Building 2 (7816)	24 Holocaust Remembrance Day	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## COMMUNITY CORNER

- Happy Easter to all!
- RBC Inspection will take place on April 23rd. You will receive additional notification about this.
- A friendly reminder: rent is due on the first of the month. A late fee will be applied to rent not paid in full by 10:00 am on April 10th. The only forms of payment we accept are checks, money orders, or credit/debit cards (with a \$5 fee). Please do not drop cash or change in the drop box for payments. **Please remember to add the \$5 fee to your online payment. This has been a problem and could be why some tenants still have a balance after paying rent.**
- Residents, please note the extermination date for your building. Pest control will be done on Wednesday.
- If you have a maintenance emergency after hours or when the office is closed, please call 1-800-224-4787. Do not call the office phone after hours or on the weekends.

## COMMUNITY CORNER CONTINUED

- Guest/Visitors must have a guest/visitor pass if staying overnight. They MUST park in the visitor area.
- All tenants must have a Brook Villas parking pass placed on the windshield. If you are a tenant and do not have one, please bring your current registration to the Property Manager, and one will be assigned.
- Please pick up your trash. We want to keep the property looking nice. Anyone found leaving trash in the breezeways will be fined.
- If the dumpsters are full, please do not leave trash outside the dumpsters or outside of your door.
- Please do not drag trash bags through the breezeways. It leaves the area looking unpleasant.
- **When putting trash in the dumpster, please be sure bags are securely tied closed!**
- Please do not put flushable wipes down the toilet or grease down the drains. Both will damage pipes and cause a lot of issues. Tenants will be charged a \$100.00 fee to their rent for any damages resulting from ignoring these requests.