

### 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, leasefriendly 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.

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## **APRIL 2025 CALENDAR**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rent Due Office Closed Pest Control 100 - 200	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Pest Control 300 - 400	9	10 Late Notices at 10:00 am	11	12 Passover
13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Pest Control 500 - 600	16	17	18 Office Closed Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21 Office Closed Easter Monday	22 Pest Control 700 - 900 Earth Day	23 Administrative Professionals Day	24 Holocaust Remembrance Day	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## COMMUNITY CORNER

- Happy Easter to all!
- 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 make sure you do not drop cash or change
  in the drop box for payments.
- Residents, please note the extermination date for your building above. Pest spraying will be done on Tuesdays. This will be the only notice given.
- If you have a maintenance emergency after hours or when the office is closed, please call 1-800-224-4787. The office phone is to be called only during business hours Monday-Friday.

## COMMUNITY CORNER CONTINUED

- Our property is a non-smoking property. If you smoke, please be respectful of others and smoke in the designated smoking areas only. Anyone found smoking in the hallways or apartments is in violation of their lease; appropriate action will be taken by management.
- Any vehicle other than your primary vehicle, such as Company vehicles, should be parked in guest parking
- Please dispose of trash in your trash can or community dumpsters. Trash thrown on the ground or left in the hallway is not acceptable.
- All tenants are required to display a Creekside Manor parking pass on their windshield. If you are a tenant and don't have a parking pass, please bring the Property Manager your current registration so that a parking pass can be assigned to you.
- Please do not overload the washing machines and dryers.