



## 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 Rent Due <b>Office Closed for Training</b> Pest Control	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 <b>Late Notices at 10:00 am</b>	11	12 Passover
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17	18 <b>Office Closed</b> Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21 <b>Office Closed</b> Easter Monday	22 Earth Day	23 Administrative Professionals Day	24 Holocaust Remembrance Day	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## COMMUNITY CORNER

- ▶ A friendly reminder that rent is due on the 1st of the month. Please be sure you are paying on time to avoid extra fees. Late fees for rent will be applied to rent not paid by 10:00 am on the 10th.
- ▶ Pest control will be coming on the 1st.
- ▶ The after-hours maintenance emergency number is (800)224-4787. This number is to be used for maintenance emergencies only.
- ▶ We would like to welcome the new manager, Megan Burner. She will be in the 721 Augusta Office. If you have any questions or concerns, you can stop by her office or call her at 540-249-4161. Her hours will be Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.