



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	2	3	4 Dodson Pest Control	5
6	7	8	9	10 Late Notices at 10:00 am	11	12 Passover
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17	18 Office Closed Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21 Office Closed Easter Monday	22 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 that rent is due on the first day of the month. Please do not drop blank or incomplete money orders/checks in the drop box. Money orders/checks should be payable to "Hillcrest Manor," and your name and apartment number should be included in the memo. You may also use the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/HillcrestRent> to pay your rent by card. **Please remember to add the \$5 technology fee when paying online or by QR code. Also be sure to include late fees to payments when they apply.**
- ▶ Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- ▶ After hours emergencies 800-224-4787
- ▶ No outdoor grilling.
- ▶ Please remember to clean up after your pet.

COMMUNITY CORNER CONTINUED

- ▶ Any payments made to management are applied to past due balances (Rent, Court, Late Fees, Damages, etc.) before being applied to current balances. The only time payments will not be applied to past due damages is if you have a written payment arrangement with management and it is current.
- ▶ Reminder: Do not flush wipes, even if labeled "flushable." They can clog pipes and cause sewage backups. Always throw them in the trash. Only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed.
- ▶ **SMOKING MARIJUANA IS PROHIBITED ON THE PROPERTY.** Although it is now legal in Virginia, it is not legal under Federal Law. We are a federally assisted property. Each tenant signed a drug-free addendum when moving into the property.
- ▶ Vehicles that are disabled or not properly licensed and inspected cannot be parked on the property. Please be courteous and have visitors park in the visitors' section. All curbs or paved spaces designated as fire lanes shall be indicated by yellow paint as approved by the Office of the Fire Code Official. Parking is not allowed in these areas.
- ▶ If you have been approved for an animal, it is your responsibility to clean up after them in all shared spaces, not just in your unit. Leaving pet waste can spread diseases and parasites, posing a health risk to others, especially children. When walking your pet in common areas, be attentive to where they are going to the bathroom and clean up immediately. Please use the free bags available at our pet waste station. Not adhering to this policy can result in the removal of your animal.
- ▶ Please be sure that you turn in maintenance items into the office. If you have a maintenance emergency after hours or when the office is closed, please use the emergency number 1-800-224-4787.