Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

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Big Sky

5 Tips for Organizing Your Fridge

Are you tired of searching through your fridge every time you want to cook a meal? Then get organized. The following are 5 tips to help you arrange your fridge so that food stays fresher and your items are easier to find.

- ~ Toss out old, expired items (you might be surprised by how many of these are lurking in your fridge). Also discard food that you thought you would like, but chances are you'll never eat.
- ~ Use the door storage for condiments and other items that don't need to stay super cool. The door and the top shelf are the warmest areas in the refrigerator.
- ~ Consider purchasing clear stackable containers. You can better utilize the space in your refrigerator by placing your items into these containers and then stacking them.
- ~ Use your refrigerator drawers for their intended purposes. Most refrigerators have drawers that have been labeled for fruits, veggies, and meats. Because these drawers have been designed specifically for these items, they can keep them fresher for a longer period of time.
- ~ Get rid of excess packaging. For example, if you have a 12-pack beer box in your fridge that contains only 7 brewskies, you can free up room by tossing out the box.

Locked Out! Don't Panic! Here's What You Need to Do

It can happen to the best of us. You return to your apartment to discover you can't find your keys. Or you step out of your apartment to grab something and the door shuts behind you. Now what?

Check for Open Doors and Windows ~ If you have any windows or doors that face to the exterior of the building, check to see if they may be open and/or unlocked.

Contact the Leasing Office ~ During business hours, it's likely someone can come over from the leasing office to open your door.

Think About Who May Have a Spare Key ~ Have you recently had a friend or family member house- or pet-sit for you? If you lent them a spare key that they still have, check to see if they could bring it to you.

Call a Locksmith ~ If you can't reach someone who has a key to your apartment, you do have a last resort -- calling a locksmith. This is not the best choice since a locksmith could damage your lock while trying to open your door.

Sparkling Strawberry-Ginger Lemonade

The red drink, a red strawberry beverage that is typically served for Juneteenth, served as an inspiration for this sparkling lemonade.

- ~ 1 cup strawberries (about 6 oz), plus whole or sliced berries for decoration
- ~ 1 bottle of sparkling pink lemonade, 1 liter
- ~ 2 cans (12 oz each) of ginger beer
- ~ Sprouts of mint as a garnish

In a large glass measuring cup, add the strawberries. Mash with a muddler or spoon until they are extremely juicy. Press firmly to extract as much juice as you can before transferring mixture to a strainer over a basin. (Reserve the solids for a different purpose.)

In a big pitcher, mix ginger beer, lemonade, and strawberry juice. Serve large glasses over ice. If desired, garnish with whole or cut berries and mint sprigs.

Important Information

Management

Park Properties Management Co, LLC

Community Manager

Lisa Bryant

June

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Birthstone - Flower

Pearl - Rose

June Events

Ice Cream Cart - First Responders Pledge-a-Pie

FUN FACT: FUN FACT: June's full Moon, the full Strawberry Moon, occurs on Saturday, June 3.
It reaches peak illumination at 11:43 P.M.

Live for the buzz!

The Etiquette of Getting Wet: 5 Rules for Using the Pool

Summer is just around the corner. So, we're sure that our residents are eager to hit the pool. Because our swimming pool is a community space, we do ask that everyone take a moment to read over the following guidelines:

Please Watch Your Noise Levels ~ You may love listening to your music at full blast, but not everyone is going to appreciate hearing your favorite tunes. So, be kind and use headphones or leave the tunes back in your room.

Don't Be a Chair Hog ~ On popular days, seating may be at a premium. So, please don't use chairs to hold your belongings or to reserve space over long periods of time.

Keep an Eye on Your Kids ~ Children can be very enthusiastic pool users. But please be mindful of your children's behavior and keep them from splashing other guests or running and yelling while on the pool deck.

Watch Your Language ~ The pool is a family spot, so please refrain from cursing or talking about inappropriate subject matters, especially around the little ones.

Tips for Keeping Your Cool without Cranking Up the AC

Are you searching for a way to reduce your electricity bill, or are you just not a "fan" (pun intended) of air conditioning? Then check out these tips for ways to keep your apartment cool without cranking up the AC.

Get Breezy ~ Good-quality fans can provide your apartment with some much-needed cooling breezes. For the best results, experts suggest placing the fans on the floor. That will allow them to draw in the cooler air that can be found at ground level.

Avoid Using the Oven ~ Using your oven can raise the temperature in your home by up to five degrees. So, avoid baking as much as possible during the summer months. If you really love the taste of baked goods, consider getting an air fryer, which won't heat up your home like an oven.

Block Out the Sun ~ If you live in an apartment with windows, keep the shades drawn during the day.

Choose the Right Bedding ~ Want to avoid feeling hot and bothered while you're sleeping? Then consider cooling sheets and pillows for your bed. These innovative items are supposed to help your body stay cool while you're getting your Z's.

Big Sky Calendar - June 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rent Due	2 Exterminations 600-700 Bldgs	3 Black Bear Day
4 Cancer Survivor's Day	5 REAC Inspections - Phase II	6 Yo-Yo Day	7 Running Day	8 Best Friends Day	9 Movie Night	10 Iced Tea Day
11 Corn on the Cob Day	12 Red Rose Day	13 Inspections 600 Bldg	14 Flag Day	15 Inspections 700 Bldg	16 Exterminations 1200-1300 Buildings	17 Mascot Day
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20 Inspections 1200 Bldg	21 Summer Begins	22 Onion Rings Day	23 Take Your Dog to Work Day	24 Summersgiving
25 Strawberry Parfait Day	26 Coconut Day	27 Inspections 1300 Bldg	28 Big Sky's Ice Cream Cart Day	29 Camera Day	30 Meteor Watch Day	