

Your Community

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

Apartment Buzz Alert May

APARTMENT TIP

Barbeque in Style

Be the grill master of your apartment community by hosting a barbeque that will have your neighbors, friends and family raving about you all summer long; and when summer is over everyone will impatiently wait until the following summer in anticipation of your impressive barbequing skills. Yes, your barbeque is just that good.

Now we'll leave you to finding the secret sauces and spices to really flavor the food. We're here to remind you of the other details so a successful barbeque ensues. Have plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken breast, or whatever else is on the menu - and don't forget about the vegetarians. Make sure to have plenty of the corresponding buns. Don't forget condiments like ketchup and other necessities such as napkins. Fill a cooler with soda and water. Create the perfect playlist with some relaxing background music. Bring lawn games to play such as cornhole, croquet and ladder golf, or bring a football to toss around. You might want to reserve the grill, spread the news, and arrive early to stake out your place. Use the community grill, go to the local park and use the ones there, or wherever you fancy, and be sure to check with the leasing office for special rules about barbequing, as causing a fire is probably not on your agenda! Check that the grill is clean and in working order. Also make sure to have enough charcoal or gas. Not only will you have delicious barbeque to share, you'll also host a fun social event!

COMMUNITY TIP

Allergies and Apartments

Allergies are here in full force! Many of us have the sniffles, running nose, sneezing constantly, or the itchy, watery eyes. There are some measures you can take in your apartment to help combat common allergens and have you feeling great. Go dust free. This means adopting a minimalistic view on furniture and surfaces. And the few surfaces you have, keep clean and uncluttered. Bare floors and bare walls are the best. Shy away from upholstered furniture, especially in the bedroom. Wash bedding and uncovered pillows on hot settings in your washer quite frequently. Do a quick vacuum run several times a week. Some of the poor quality vacuums kick up dust into the air, so invest in a good allergy friendly vacuum. In the bedroom, keep clothing and shoes off the floor. Wear a dust mask before cleaning if you have allergies. Control allergies caused by animal dander by either not having pets with feathers or fur, or by limiting where they can go in your place. Absolutely no pets in the bedroom if you have allergies, and keep your door closed. Perhaps choose one room, such as the living room, where the pet is allowed; you can still enjoy Fido without overwhelming your allergies.

Seasonal Recipe

Create healthy summer treats you can grab and go.

Frozen yogurt is a summer favorite, but you can create your own in popsicle form with fresh berries or other favorite fruits. Simply wash and hull a pound of your favorite berries, then blend with a cup of plain yogurt and two tablespoons of honey. Pour into molds, insert sticks and freeze overnight for an easy snack that's cool and healthy.

Fun Fact: May is International Respect for Chickens Month



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FUN APARTMENT

"My roommate split and now I'm stuck with paying rent on my own. What can I do?"

Yikes! This is a rough spot to be in. Even though your roommate is breaking the lease, legally the full amount is expected to be paid when rent comes due regardless if your roommate is helping or not. Talk with your property manager about the situation. Ideally, you'll be able to come up with an arrangement such as finding a new roommate who will stay for the remainder of the time that is on the original lease. However, you may have to stay where you are and pay the full amount. If you can afford it, this might not be such a bad situation. Think of it as a time to live out your lease in style and enjoy having a bachelor or bachelorette's pad all to yourself. Then when the lease is up, you can then move or look for a new roommate. You yourself can take legal action against your flighty roommate. Call him or her and let them know that if they still refuse to pay then you will be forced to file in small claims court. That's where you can lay down the law!

MY QUESTION

No More Buggin' Out

We do not want to be sharing our apartment community with pesky pests. Take action at the first sign of a pest problem. Those little buggers can quickly become a severe problem, always a nuisance and many times a serious health risk. Pest problems can quickly overtake an apartment community, spreading between units. Be sure to let management know the situation, as your pests could potentially be a sign of problems somewhere else.

There are preemptive measures that you can take to lessen the chance that the little creepy crawlers will call your place home. Be sure to clean and get organized. This means removing the safe havens for bugs. No stacks of newspapers piling up. No open containers of food lying around. Seal off any cracks that could be the welcoming gates through which the pests are entering. An insecticide spray or traps placed around is helpful in controlling small pest problems. Toss any secondhand furniture that is questionable in its condition. Bed frames and other items could bring with them their previous owner's bed bugs and pests.

Most importantly, let the apartment manager know of the pest problem and they just may come in with reinforcements!

Big Sky Calendar - May, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rent, Water/Sewer due	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Yard Sale Prep 3p - 6p	12 Yard Sale/Bake Sale 7a - 1p
13 Happy Mother's Day!	14	15	16	17	18 Exterminations 400/500/800/900	19
20	21 Inspections 400/500	22 Inspections 800/900	23	24	25	26 Office Closed
27	28 Memorial Day - Office Closed	29	30	31		