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Summer is on the horizon, and it's a great time to put a home on the market! Call me today for a free consultation.



Do you know the difference between a home warranty and homeowner's insurance?

Home warranties are service contracts that cover the failure of home systems and appliances due to normal wear and use, while **homeowner's insurance** protects the homeowner against damage or liability due to an unknown or contingent event. Both offer valuable budget protection and they can work in conjunction with each other. For example, if a covered water heater leaks under normal use and floods the home, the home warranty will repair or replace the water heater, while homeowner's insurance may cover the water damage.

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Health & Safety Family Water Safety



In honor of National Water Safety Month, we've collected the following tips to help your family stay safe in and around water this summer.

- Never leave children unattended around water, and never let a child enter the water unless accompanied by an adult. Remind babysitters and others watching kids to provide constant supervision.
- Ensure a first aid kit is easily accessible when spending time around water.
- Take a CPR course and keep instructions posted near backyard swimming pools and spas.
- Enroll children in swimming lessons as soon as they're old enough. The Red Cross offers classes for children as young as six months.
- Ensure children in or near water can swim. If they cannot, make sure they're wearing U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets—but do not rely on these devices to keep children "water safe."
- Install pool gates and fences around backyard water sources to keep children and pets safe.
- Establish water safety rules with your family before going near water and enforce them consistently. The Red Cross recommends setting limits for each person based on their swimming ability.

Helpful Hints

Increase Your Productivity

Learning to work smarter to get more done takes time, but these tips may help increase your productivity. Every person is different, so find a strategy that works for you and stick with it!

Keep your goals at the forefront. Organize your to-dos by aligning them with your goals. Figure out the items needed to achieve those goals that may create an additive effect. Success builds sequentially.

Sharpen your focus. Stay on task, avoid distractions, and ignore anything that doesn't contribute to your goal. Dispel the conventional wisdom that multitasking is necessary. It's the ability to focus on one thing at a time that will truly increase your productivity.

Take care of yourself. Strive to get the sleep you need and be mindful of your stress levels. Take breaks to recharge your mind and body, turn your face to the sun, and decompress. You may not be at your peak every day, but if you take care of yourself, you can master most days with ease.



Savor the Flavor

Simple Summer Chicken Salad

Cooked chicken breast, diced
3/4 cup grapes, halved
1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
1/8 cup celery, chopped
2 Tbsp. shallots, finely chopped
1 Tbsp. fresh mint, julienned
3/4 cup mayonnaise
Salt and pepper to taste

Toss all ingredients together in a large bowl until fully coated with mayonnaise.

Season with salt and pepper.

Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Enjoy on a bun or wrapped in lettuce leaves or flour tortillas.



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Household Tips

Repel Flies Inside and Out

They only have a lifespan of about a month, but flies are a nuisance and can carry disease. Use the following tips to help control and repel them around your house.

Repelling flies outdoors – flies are attracted by odors, so always clean up after your pets if they do their business outdoors and keep garbage can lids closed. If your cans don't have tight-fitting lids, make sure to firmly seal trash bags before throwing them in the bin. Since flies like to hide in tall grasses and overgrown shrubs, trim your shrubs and cut your grass. Flies love to lay their eggs in stagnant water, so don't let water build up in pots, birdbaths, or other containers.

Getting rid of flies indoors – keep flies away with liquid dish soap. Dish soap with a strong, fruity scent is best. Combine one inch of dish soap and one inch of water in a jar. Add a few drops of apple cider vinegar to attract flies if your dish soap is unscented. The flies will fly into the jar and drown in the water.

Preventing flies indoors – check your doors and windows for tight seals to prevent flies and other insects from invading your home.