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Ventura County Events

Round-up Country Music Festival

April 1st 11am - 8pm
Rancho Santa Susana Park

Easter EGGstravaganza

April 8th 10am - 2pm FREE
Community Center Park
Camarillo

Arbor Earth Day Celebration

April 15th 9am to 1pm
T.O. Community Center Park
Thousand Oaks

Westlake Earth Day Festival

April 22nd 5pm to 9pm
Westlake Village
Community Park

Santa Barbara Fair & Expo

April 26th - 30th
Earl Warren Showgrounds
Santa Barbara

Spring Cleaning for Home Safety



Trees and flowers are bursting with color again after a long winter, which means it's time to brighten things up indoors as well. Spring cleaning is a practical tradition -- homes often collect more dust over the winter, and it's finally warm enough to let in the fresh air -- but it's also a great opportunity to conduct an annual

safety inspection of your home.

Deep clean your dryer - Even if you clean the lint trap after every load, your dryer is accumulating flammable lint particles in other areas. Thoroughly clean your dryer by moving it away from the wall and wiping down every surface. Use a vacuum hose attachment or long, flexible brush to clean out the lint trap inlet and the vent pipe. If your lint filter appears clogged, clean it with a nylon brush and water.

Clean around your furnace - While you're replacing your furnace filter, vacuum up dust and remove any combustible items like paper, paint or fuel.

Maintain your detectors - Your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors should be dusted with a dry cloth and checked with the test button. Replace the batteries if they're more than six months old, and replace the entire unit if it's past its printed expiration date.

Check your fire extinguisher - If you don't have at least a small kitchen fire extinguisher, it's time to get one. But if you do have one, check its label and inspection tag for an expiration date. If it hasn't expired, check the pressure gauge to ensure it's in the proper range. Any rechargeable fire extinguisher with no inspection tag or which hasn't been inspected for more than a year should be professionally serviced.

Manage electrical cords - As you clean each room, check to make sure power cords and extension cords don't present a tripping hazard. Inspect all cords for damage and immediately discontinue use if you find a punctured sheath. Ensure that cords aren't running under rugs or around door frames, as this can lead to damage.

Welcome to Ventura Management

Amber Panapa
Randy Duarte

Happy April Fool's Day!

What monster plays the most April Fools jokes?
Frankenstein

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Spring Cleaning for Home Safety (Cont.)

Inspect for mold - This is especially important in bathrooms, laundry rooms and wherever there is moisture. Mold has a distinct musty smell and appears as dark, fuzzy spots on surfaces. If left to spread, it can cause serious respiratory health problems. You should clean any mold you find with bleach, but it's also important to locate and address the underlying cause, which could be a leaky pipe, an air conditioning problem or a breach in your home's exterior.

Have a family fire drill - Sit down with your family and establish a plan for escaping your home in a fire. Establish two routes out of every room in your home, as well as alternatives for anyone with a disability. Choose a rendezvous spot to meet up once everyone's out. We also recommend setting two meeting places where your family can meet if you're separated and establishing emergency contacts.



Create an emergency preparedness kit for your family. Start by gathering supplies for an emergency kit, keeping in mind the special needs for children and elderly. Clothes, food rations, batteries and water are essential, but don't forget items like pet food or medications.

Spring-cleaning is a big job, but when done right, it leaves your home smelling fresh, feeling comfortable and safer than it was before. Roll up your sleeves and incorporate these tasks into your spring-cleaning list!

April Quote:

*It's never too late to be who you might have been.
... George Eliot*

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