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Farmers Mutual Insurance Company Newsletter

Spring Time and The Great Outdoors....

In April, our thoughts start turning to spring. It brings us longer days and warmer temperatures. It is also the time when our yards start to break out of their winter dormancy. The longer days provide us with more time to get out and



work in our yards and there are many things that can be done to get our lawns and gardens going. Spring is a great time to prepare your soil for planting. Many fruits and vegetables can be planted in the spring such as potatoes, peas, onions and lettuce. Asparagus, rhubarb and strawberries can be planted as well. It is also the perfect time to start seeds inside for tomatoes, peppers and other warm season vegetables. Spring is also a great time to prune and mulch your trees and shrubs. Prune your fruit trees and berry bushes, remove mulch from your strawberry plants when growth begins. Clean up the perennial beds & remove the winter mulch layer. Prepare soil by adding compost. Pansies, snapdragons and other cool weather adoring annuals can be planted now. A little work now will have big results later!

April is a good time to check your roof. Many roof leaks are preventable if caught in time. The first & most common reason why a roof leaks is the age of the roof, they don't last forever. Rain, snow, hail storms and hot summer sun will start to wear your roof down and eventually it will need to be replaced. Debris on your roof such as tree limbs and leaves can cause damage. They also hold moisture which can cause mold, leading to more problems. That very same debris can make it's way into your gutters & downspouts, clogging them & making it almost impossible for them to work properly. In the summer, water can pool up causing moisture problems, in the winter, it can freeze which can be even worse. Always check your roof, especially after a storm, for holes in your shingles & roof. A hole or a missing shingle can lead to a leak. Lifted shingles can cause leaks as well. Make sure to check your roof vents as well as your soffits and flashing. Over time, water and weather can cause them to weaken, causing problems. If you suspect there is a problem, try to get it fixed right away to prevent more damage or costly claims.



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April showers bring more than flowers.....

Living in Kansas is wonderful but each spring brings the possibility of tornadoes. Would you know what to do if a tornado were in your area? Being prepared is important & following these easy steps can help. First, know your community's tornado warning system. Second, designate a safe room. A basement or cellar is best but if that is not an option, choose a room on the lowest level without any windows, like a bathroom or closet. If you have time, place any essential items in the safe room beforehand. Third have an emergency kit ready. It should include, bottled water, dried food, a flashlight (extra batteries for flashlight), your prescriptions & a first-aid kit. After a tornado, watch out for fallen power lines or damaged gas lines. Stay out of damaged buildings. If you smell gas, get everyone out of the building quickly and call the gas company. Take pictures of all the damage & clean up any spills. These few tips might make a big difference if a tornado heads your way.



A **Tornado Watch** means that tornadoes are possible. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued for your area, acting quick could save a life.

A **Tornado Warning** means that a tornado has been sighted! Take shelter right away!

Cinnamon Sugar Preserve Biscuits

An easy Easter morning breakfast the whole family will love,

1 tube (12 ounces) refrigerated biscuits, separated

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 cup butter, melted

10 teaspoons preserves

Preheat oven to 375 °. In a small bowl, combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip top and sides of biscuits in butter, then in cinnamon-sugar. Place on an ungreased baking sheet. Make a deep indentation in the center of each biscuit; fill with 1 teaspoon preserves. Bake for 15-18 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 15 minutes before serving as preserves will be hot



Farmers Mutual Insurance would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter. Please note we will be closed, Friday, April 15, 2022 in observance of Good Friday

