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Health & Safety

Back-to-School

Health Habits for Busy Households

Back-to-school season can be a hectic time for many households, as they juggle different schedules and various after-school activities. However, a busy schedule doesn't have to mean sacrificing healthy meals or relaxation. Try integrating some healthy habits that promote good physical and emotional well-being on busy weeknights.

Establish routines. Consistency is essential for children's mental and emotional wellness. While day-to-day after-school activities can vary, try to establish consistent routines for mornings, homework, and bedtimes.

Prioritize nutrition. On busy school nights, it can be tempting to rely on processed foods and drive-throughs. Instead, aim for simple, nutritious meals that include protein and vegetables.

Schedule downtime. When faced with a hectic schedule, it's easy to jump from one activity to the next without a transition. Make time for decompression before homework or after dinner to give everyone's nervous system time to relax.



Real Estate Today

Negotiation Tips to Help You Get the Best Real Estate Deal

In a competitive housing market, strong negotiation skills can make the difference between a good deal and a great one. Here are some simple tips to keep in mind as you strengthen your position and secure the best real estate deal possible.

Do your research. Knowledge is power, especially when it's time to negotiate. Analyze recent sales in the neighborhood to determine a realistic market value. Research the difference between a buyer's and seller's market to help dictate how aggressive or flexible your strategy should be.

See it in person. While modern technology makes virtual tours feel realistic, nothing can help you determine if a home is suitable for your needs quite like being there in person.

Ask for a home warranty. Ask the seller to include a home warranty that covers systems and appliances, especially in older homes. Home warranty plans can save time and money down the road on covered repairs and replacements.



Ingredients

4 Tbsp. olive oil
1 chopped zucchini
1 chopped eggplant
1 chopped green pepper
1 chopped red bell pepper
1 chopped red onion
1 c. chopped tomatoes
½ tsp. dried oregano
½ tsp. dried thyme
½ tsp. fennel seeds
2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. black pepper
1 Tbsp. Champagne vinegar
½ c. chopped basil leaves

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Next, add the zucchini, eggplant, green pepper, red bell pepper, and red onion. Once the vegetables are fork-tender, stir in the tomatoes, oregano, thyme, fennel seeds, salt, and pepper.

Cook the vegetables and spices for 5 minutes, then add the Champagne vinegar. Remove the skillet from the heat and then stir in the chopped basil.

Add salt and pepper to taste.



Adapted from Chef Shannon Smith's recipe published on www.chefshannon.com.



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Household Tips:

Late Summer Lawn Care Tips

As summer winds down, the lawn may need a little extra attention to stay healthy and vibrant. Late summer lawn care can help repair heat stress, strengthen roots, and prepare the grass for cooler months ahead. With a few simple maintenance tips, you can keep your lawn looking its best well into the fall.

Sharpen your blades. After several months of the growing season, mower blades become dull, leaving the grass jagged and vulnerable to disease. Give the lawn mower blades a tune-up to keep the lawn healthy.

Aerate the lawn. Throughout most of the U.S., August is a good time to aerate the lawn. This improves the grass' water absorption and promotes better oxygen flow to the roots before the growth slows down in the fall.

Establish a watering schedule. Due to late summer's heat, most lawns need between one to two inches of water per week. Try watering in the morning when temperatures are lower to help keep the moisture from drying out too quickly.

