

# REAL NEWS FROM BARTLEY REAL ESTATE

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## H2O WISE TIPS FOR LAWN AND GARDEN

### CATCH RAINWATER

Rain barrels can be joined together in order to catch more water. Cisterns are larger and can be installed both above and below ground to capture hundreds to thousands of gallons of water.

### LESS FREQUENT BUT DEEP WATERING

Trees and shrubs that have been in the ground for more than two years only need watering during extended dry spells. Water early in the morning so less water is lost during the heat of the day. Deep watering encourages roots to go deeper into the soil where water is retained longer.

### MULCH

Mulch helps soil retain water. It also moderates temps in the root zone of plants. Apply 2 to 4 inch layer of mulch and don't pack it up around stems as this can cause stem rot and kill the plant.



### BEE INFORMATION

Bees have five eyes.

They fly about 20 mph.

Bees have two sets of wings.

A bee dies after losing its stinger.

Two million flowers make 1 lb of honey.

The average worker bee makes about 1/12 tsp of honey in her lifetime.

The queen bee lays about 2,000 eggs a day.

Queen bees live about 5 years and workers only 6 weeks during summer.

### PLANT IN EARLY SPRING OR LATE FALL

It's harder for plants to establish in the heat of summer and it's harder to keep them watered, so plant during cooler months to help plants establish more easily and with lower water requirements.

### PRUNE

Thin out old tangled branches on trees and shrubs and remove uneven lateral growth. This reduces the plant's need for water.

### REDUCE THE LAWN

Making lawn areas smaller and replacing them with drought tolerant plants or natural areas.

### WATER BY HAND

This reduces run-off, puts water at the root ball where plants need it, and allows closer monitoring of plants to more accurately determine watering needs.

## Upcoming Events

◆ Your Yard Sale

◆ Your Event

◆ Your Announcement

Let us post your next event in this space FREE!

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# THE WORLD OF BUBBLES

## IS YOUR PRICE RIGHT?

If you're selling, you will probably receive the most buyer inquiries within the first several weeks your house is placed on the market but that initial burst will fade. It's important to price your home correctly when you first list it.

If you overprice your home with the idea you can drop the price later, you're hurting your chances of selling during the first wave..

Buyers who have done their homework will know what your home is worth.

Pricing your property too low is just as harmful because buyers who are looking in a specific price range may overlook you.

Let Bartley Real Estate help you price your home by suggesting comparable prices in your neighborhood. And we can help you stage your home furnishings for showing.

## YOUR OWN BUBBLE SOLUTION

- 1/2 CUP DISH SOAP OR BABY SHAMPOO
- 4 1/2 CUP WATER
- 2 TBSP CORN SYRUP OR GLYCERIN (OPTIONAL)
- 1 DROP FOOD COLORING

BUBBLES ARE AN INEXPENSIVE AND CREATIVE WAY TO SPEND SOME TIME HAVING FUN! MAKE UP A BATCH OF THIS BUBBLES SOLUTION AND USE THESE TIPS TO EXPLORE THE WORLD OF BUBBLES.

COMBINE INGREDIENTS AND POUR INTO AN UNBREAKABLE BOTTLE. STIR WELL BUT DO NOT SHAKE, EXPERIMENT WITH THE SOLUTION. FOR STRONGER BUBBLES.. ADD THE CORN SYRUP OR GLYCERIN, OR ADD MORE DISH SOAP. PREPARE YOUR BUBBLE SOLUTION TWO OR THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE FOR THE BEST BUBBLES.

## BLOWING YOUR BUBBLES

- YOU CAN BLOW BUBBLES WITH LOTS OF DIFFERENT ITEMS LIKE PLASTIC STRAWS, STRAWBERRY BASKETS FROM THE GROCERY, SPOONS WITH HOLES IN THEM, COLANDERS, AND LOOPS OF STRING. ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN BLOW THROUGH WILL WORK. PLASTIC SIX-PACK HOLDERS, EMPTY MILK CONTAINERS OR OLD PIECES OF HOSE OR PLASTIC TUBING WILL WORK TOO!
- BLOW GENTLY! BLOWING TOO HARD WILL CAUSE LOTS OF SMALL BUBBLES TO FORM. BLOW SLOWLY TO GET A LARGER BUBBLE. BE SURE YOU ARE NOT HOLDING THE BUBBLE WAND TOO CLOSE TO YOUR MOUTH.
- BUBBLES POP ON DRY SURFACES SO BE SURE ANYTHING YOU USE TO MAKE OR CATCH BUBBLES IS WET FIRST.
- DON'T STIR YOUR BUBBLE SOLUTION BECAUSE IT CREATES FOAM WHICH KEEPS BUBBLES FROM FORMING.
- BUBBLES LIKE COOL AND HUMID WEATHER. THEY WILL LAST A LONG TIME IF BLOWN RIGHT AFTER A RAINSTORM.

## HAPPY BUBBLE BLOWING!

# bumper sticker fun!

**THERE ARE 3 TYPES OF PEOPLE: THOSE WHO CAN COUNT & THOSE WHO CAN'T.**

**GIVE ME AMBIGUITY OR GIVE ME SOMETHING ELSE.**

**ALL GENERALIZATIONS ARE FALSE.**

**NONCONFORMISTS ARE ALL ALIKE.**

**HUG YOUR KIDS AT HOME. BELT THEM IN THE CAR.**

**MISSING: HUSBAND AND DOG. \$100 REWARD FOR DOG.**

**WHY IS ABBREVIATION SUCH A LONG WORD?**

**SMILE. IT'S THE SECOND BEST THING YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR LIPS.**

## CALORIES THAT DON'T COUNT

IF NO ONE SEES YOU EAT IT, IT HAS NO CALORIES



IF YOU DRINK A DIET SODA WITH CANDY, THEY CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT.

WHEN EATING WITH SOMEONE ELSE, CALORIES DON'T COUNT IF YOU BOTH EAT THE SAME AMOUNT.

FOODS USED FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES, LIKE CHOCOLATE FOR ENERGY, HAVE NO CALORIES.

MOVIE-RELATED FOODS LIKE MILK DUDS, BUTTERED POPCORN, JUNIOR MINTS, AND GUMMIE BEARS ARE LOWER IN CALORIES BECAUSE THEY'RE PART OF THE ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE AND NOT PERSONAL FUEL.

COOKIE PIECES CONTAIN NO CALORIES BECAUSE THE PROCESS OF BREAKAGE CAUSES CALORIE LEAKAGE.

## VACATION TIME IS HERE!



If a trip away from home is in your Summer plans, remember these tips to keep your home safe and secure while you're gone.

- Suspend regular deliveries and ask the post office to hold mail.
- Create the illusion you're home by setting timers on lights and radios.
- Ask neighbors to watch out.
- Securely lock all doors, windows, and automobiles
- Leave curtains and blinds in their normal positions.
- Unplug countertop appliances, home entertainment and computers.



### TIPS FOR BETTER GAS MILEAGE

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BUY ANOTHER CAR RIGHT NOW, BUT THERE ARE WAYS TO MINIMIZE WHAT YOU ARE SPENDING AT THE PUMP.

# DRIVING A LITTLE BELOW THE SPEED LIMIT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

# DRIVE AT A SMOOTH PACE.

# REDUCE UNNECESSARY DRAG. TAKE OFF THAT EMPTY RACK.

# DON'T USE PREMIUM FUEL IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO. CHECK YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL.

# COMBINE SEVERAL SHORT TRIPS INTO ONE TO THE ENGINE STAYS WARM.

# KEEP TIRES PROPERLY INFLATED.

# BUY TIRES WITH LOWER ROLLING RESISTANCE.

# AVOID IDLING FOR LONG PERIODS.

Source: Consumer Reports

## FYI

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2008 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

### Mileage Rate Changes

Purpose	Rates 1/1 through 6/30/08	Rates 7/1 through 12/31/08
Business	50.5	58.5
Medical/Moving	19	27
Charitable	14	14

## 5 TIPS FOR A CLEANER KITCHEN...

### STUDY SAYS KITCHENS DIRTIER THAN BATHROOMS

- A ONE MINUTE HIGH POWERED BLAST CAN KEEP YOUR SPONGES AND DISH CLOTHS STERILE. HOWEVER, IT DOESN'T WORK FOR NATURAL SEA SPONGES.
- WASH YOUR HANDS. THERE'S NO EVIDENCE HOT WATER WORKS BETTER THAN COLD.
- DON'T RINSE CHICKEN. USDA NO LONGER RECOMMENDS RINSING IN KITCHEN SINK. ANY SURFACE COMING IN CONTACT WITH CHICKEN SHOULD BE WASHED THOROUGHLY.
- TOSS IT. FOOD SPILLS AND JUICE SHOULD BE WIPED WITH A PAPER TOWEL AND TOSSED, AVOIDING CONTACT WITH BACTERIA-LADEN SPONGES OR CLOTHS.
- USE DISCRETION WHEN SPRAYING CHEMICALS, EVEN IF FDA APPROVED AND NON TOXIC. TRY ORGANIC.

Source: S. O'Driscoll, AP, 6/25/08



### AUTO TRIVIA DID YOU KNOW?

**The first American car produced in quantity, 425 of them, was the Curved Dash Oldsmobile debuting in 1901, selling for \$650.**

**The Duryea was the first "production" auto with thirteen identical cars manufactured in 1896.**

**The national speed limit in 1974 was 55mph due to the oil shortage.**

**Seat belts became mandatory in 1968.**

**The first traffic signal was installed in Cleveland in 1914.**



*Get Rid of Ants!*

Try these home remedies that are simple, non toxic and FREE!

Molasses paste: use 1/3 C molasses, six tbsp active dry yeast, six tbsp granulated sugar to make a smooth paste and place in soda bottle caps where the ants are.

If you can locate the point of entry, sprinkle cream of tartar, powdered chalk, talcum powder, cinnamon, powdered cleanser, or chili powder in the area. Sherri Bartley uses black pepper.

Ants HATE cucumber so place peels where they are coming in and also around the exterior of your house.

Mix equal parts jelly and borax and place in affected areas. Keep away from kids and pets!

**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

## KATIE LEE JOEL'S HEALTHY GRANOLA

- 3 C ROLLED OATS
- ½ C UNSALTED HULLED SUNFLOWER SEEDS
- ½ C UNSALTED HULLED PUMPKIN SEEDS
- ½ C FLAKED COCONUT
- ¼ C WHEATGERM
- 1 ½ C CHOPPED UNSALTED MIXED NUTS
- 1 TSP GROUND CINNAMON
- ½ TSP KOSHER SALT
- 4 TBSP UNSALTED BUTTER OR CANOLA OIL
- 1/3 C PURE MAPLE SYRUP
- 1 TSP PURE VANILLA EXTRACT
- 1 C CHOPPED MIXED DRIED FRUIT



PREHEAT OVEN TO 350. IN LARGE BOWL MIX OATS, SEEDS, COCONUT, WHEAT GERM, NUTS, CINNAMON, AND SALT. IN A SMALL SAUCEPAN MELT BUTTER IN MAPLE SYRUP OVER LOW HEAT. STIR IN VANILLA. ADD TO OAT MIXTURE. ADD 2 TBSP WATER AND STIR TILL COMBINED. SPREAD GRANOLA EVENLY ON A LARGE BAKING SHEET. BAKE FOR 30 MIN STIRRING AT 10 MIN INTERVALS TO ENSURE UNIFORM BAKING UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN. REMOVE FROM OVEN AND COOL IN PAN. STIR IN DRIED FRUITS. WHEN COOL PLACE IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINER. WILL KEEP AT ROOM TEMP 1 TO 2 WEEKS. IT ALSO FREEZES WELL..

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