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Newsletter

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Spring newsletter! This edition has information about why you should inspect and clean your roof, an update about a 2007 law surrounding light bulbs and some gardening tips to start the season. It also has an update about our recent jewelry appraisal and document shredding events. So sit back, read and enjoy.

Sincerely,

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Jewelry Appraisal and Shredding Event a Huge Success!



The turn out at this years jewelry appraisal and document shredding events was amazing! Thank you everyone for coming. At the jewelry appraisal event, one of our clients discovered an old broach she thought was made of cheap plastic like material turned out to be a rare rose gold and of high value. Gary Rogers said "the shredding event was fantastic" because he cleared out all of his old files. The parking lot was constantly full with people ready to shred their many bags and boxes full of unwanted documents. It was so busy that we ran out of bags for our next shredding event on September 13th and the sweet goodie bags. We also received small children's bicycles that will be donated to Foster Bikes where they will refurbish them and give them to low income and foster children. Thank you again for supporting our events and community!

Go Green - Just don't GROW green!

Spring is here and that means time to clean and inspect the roof and gutters of your home. For many of us the roof is usually forgotten because out of sight, out of mind and it seems so high up off the ground. Neglecting this important piece of your home could end up costing you money. Maintaining your roof and gutters prolongs the life of your roof and prevents water damage to the structure and foundation of the home. If you are like me and scared of heights, call in a professional to handle the job. Not doing so can also affect insurance claims. How is that possible? Read Sally's blog ["It's Not Easy Being Green....."](#) to answer that question.



Who turned out the light?



As of January 1st it became illegal to manufacture or import 60- and 40-watt incandescent light bulbs. The 75- and 100-watt incandescent bulbs have already been phased out because of The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Retailers are selling there last little bit of stock for incandescent light bulbs but once they are sold out that is it. The bulb we've used for more than a century is being replaced with ones that use less energy to emit the same amount of light. The three types of bulbs that you will find on the shelves are CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Light), halogen, or LED.

Garden Tips

1. Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries. A light sprinkling of about one-quarter of an inch applied once a month will keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side. Remember Starbucks and other coffee shops usually give the grounds away in big bags.

2. After you have boiled vegetables in water and before you replace your pet's water bowl with fresh water, don't dump it down the drain. Use the water for your potted plants



or garden. Just make sure the water is cool before you use it.

3. To make your garden look more balanced and pleasing to the eye, be sure to plant in odd numbers. This composition looks more natural than even numbered groupings and gives off the illusion that plants are bigger and healthier.



4. Keep your shorter plants on the south side of your vegetable garden and tall plants toward the north. This will prevent taller plants from casting unwanted shadows over smaller crops, shading them from the sun.

5. Young growth is particularly vulnerable to attack from slugs and snails, so protect it using a barrier method, such as copper tape, egg shells, or a line of coarse sand, or scatter slug pellets.



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