



Harvest Time

A harvest of apples, a harvest of corn;
 A harvest of plenty, an autumn adorned.
 With bright colored leaves, a fall festive blend;
 A wonderful time for families & friends.
 A harvest of pumpkins, a harvest of grain;
 A harvest of bounty & cool autumn rains.



Are You Thinking About Moving?



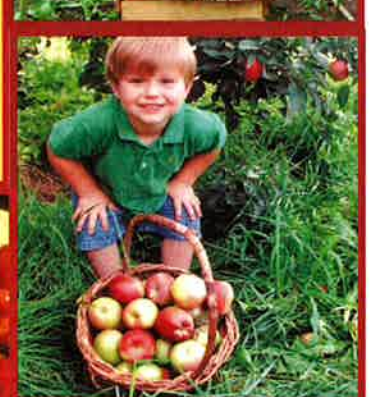
If you have decided you would like to Move within the borders of Fayette County and you have a Voucher in the Housing Authority Section 8 Program



- ◆ Remember in your planning, that you must first give your Current Landlord a 30-Day Notice before moving. Inform your Housing Specialist who will then give you a Notice of Intent to Move Form for you to sign and your current landlord to sign.
- ◆ Once you have submitted this form to the Housing Authority, your Housing Specialist will schedule you for a Move Appointment where you will be mailed a Letter making you aware of your appointment time & date and a list of the verification you are to bring with you to your appointment along with an Application to have completely filled-out prior to the day of your appointment.
- ◆ During your Move Appointment, you will be Issued a Voucher allowing you to move with your assistance and the necessary paperwork to take to your New Landlord to fill out & return to the Housing Authority.



Please keep in mind, if you want to Move, it is a process that will take 30 Days/1 Month to complete in order to keep your Housing Assistance.



Fayette Metropolitan Housing Authority Newsletter

Understanding the Section 8 Family Obligations of the Housing Authority Program

If your family is currently participating in the Section 8 Program, it is essential that you understand your family's obligations to the program. These obligations apply to everyone living in your household. If you do not follow these obligations you may lose your Section 8 assistance.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS - You must request approval from the Housing Authority and the landlord before allowing anyone (including family members, foster children and live-in aides) to live with you. You must report birth, adoption or court-awarded custody of a child to the Housing Authority in writing within 10 days of the event. You must inform the Housing Authority in writing if any household member has moved out or will be absent from the unit within 10 days of when they leave. You must notify the Housing Authority anytime you're away from your unit for (7) days or more for any reason, The Housing Authority can approve up to 90 days for medical purposes only. You may add additional members to the household after the first year lease is completed upon landlord and Housing Authority approval. Visitors may only stay a maximum of (2) nights per week.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME - You must (within 10 days) report in writing full and complete financial information for every household member at all annual and interim reexaminations or within 10 days of the change. **Change must be verified in writing by the 23rd of the month.** Report all income including, but not limited to, income from jobs, welfare, social security, child support and all assets such as bank accounts, vehicles, property, etc. If you do not report all household income and assets, you could lose your Section 8 Assistance and you may have to repay your subsidy to the Housing Authority.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION - You must ensure that all information provided to the Housing Authority is true and complete. You must provide any information the Housing Authority requests regarding household income and assets. You must sign and submit consent forms allowing the Housing Authority to obtain income, asset and social security information. You must disclose and verify the Social Security numbers of all household members upon request. You must provide evidence of citizenship or immigration status. You must provide any additional information necessary to administer the Section 8 Program.

HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS (HQS) - You must allow the Housing Authority to inspect your unit with reasonable notice (24 hour notice is required). You must maintain the unit in good condition. This includes paying for any utilities that are your responsibility and supplying and maintaining any appliances you agreed to provide. You must repair any damage caused by you, any household member or guests in a timely manner. If your home is dirty, cluttered or otherwise poorly attended, you will be warned and expected to correct the problem immediately. You may also be required to attend special classes to enforce better housekeeping habits. If the problem is not corrected or continues, you may be evicted under the terms of your lease agreement for failure to maintain your unit. If you are evicted for this reason, you will be terminated.

MOVING & EVICTIONS - You must after the first years lease, give the landlord written notice if you want to move (usually 30 days notice after the initial lease term) or sign a Rescission of Lease form before moving. You must also give the Housing Authority a copy of the notice. Notify the Housing Authority of an Eviction Notice. The Housing Authority is required to stop payment immediately upon notification that the landlord has filed an eviction.

RENTAL AGREEMENT - You must use your unit primarily as your residence. Get approval from the Housing Authority and the property owner before operating a business out of your unit. You must not commit any serious or repeated violations of your lease agreement, such as not paying your portion of the rent on time every month. You must not pay the landlord more than your portion of the rent (unless the Housing Authority is informed of the agreement), sublet or rent part of your unit or entire unit to someone else or have more than one residence. You must not permit anyone to use your mailing address (other than persons on your lease).

OWNERSHIP OF THE UNIT - You must not own or have an ownership interest in the unit. You must not rent from a relative who is a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, spouse or domestic partner or any member of your household (unless approved by the Housing Authority as reasonable accommodation for someone with a disability).

FRAUD & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY - You or any member of your household must not **Engage in, threaten, or use demeaning, abusive or violent behavior towards the Housing Authority staff.** You must not commit fraud, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with the Section 8 program, engage in violent alcohol or drug-related criminal activity, or other criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by persons living near you. You must not receive more than one form of housing assistance for the same unit or different units at the same time.

INFORMAL HEARING - You're entitled to an Informal Hearing regarding the Housing Authorities decision relating to calculation of the Total Tenant Payment or Tenant Rent, denial or termination of assistance due to the family's action or failure to act or termination of assistance due to the family being absent from their unit longer than regulations allow.

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Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ *Striving for success without hard work is like trying to Harvest where you haven't planted.*
- David Bly
- ◆ *The best years of your life are the ones in which you decide your problems are your own. You do not blame them on your mother, the ecology or the president. You realize that you control your own destiny.*
- Albert Ellis
- ◆ *The thankful receiver bears a plentiful Harvest.*
- William Blake
- ◆ *Your mind is the garden, your thoughts are the seeds, the Harvest can either be flowers or weeds.*
- William Wordsworth
- ◆ *It is like the seed put in the soil - the more one sows, the greater the Harvest.*
- Orison Swett Marden

Motivational Message for the Month

Your moment to begin

The best time to start is now. The best place to start is here. The best resources to use are whatever you have. The best way to proceed is by doing whatever you can do. It's fine to have ambitious and detailed plans, but the plans are not the achievement. Achievement requires action, and the sooner you start the better. It's good to study carefully and prepare yourself for the effort. Yet much of what you need to know, you'll have to learn as you go along, so go, do, learn, achieve. Don't let the good things you envision stay stuck in your imagination. Give them life by giving them your immediate and persistent effort. There are countless things you can do to make life better. And now is your moment to begin.

— Ralph Marston

Upside-Down Cinnamon Apple Coffee Cake

- ◆ 1-1/2 cups Apples, chopped and peeled
- ◆ 1 (12.4 ounce) can Cinnamon Rolls with Icing
- ◆ 1/2 cup Pecan Halves or Pieces
- ◆ 2 tablespoons Butter, melted
- ◆ 1/3 cup packed Brown Sugar
- ◆ 2 tablespoons Corn Syrup



Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9-inch glass pie plate with cooking spray. Spread 1 cup of the apples in pie plate. Separate dough into 8 rolls. Cut each roll into quarters; place in large bowl. Add remaining 1/2 cup apples and pecans. In small bowl, mix butter, brown sugar and corn syrup until well blended. Add brown sugar mixture to dough mixture; toss gently to combine. Spoon mixture over apples in pan. Bake 28 to 38 minutes or until deep golden brown. Cool 5 minutes. Invert onto serving platter. Remove lid from icing. Microwave icing on high 10 to 15 seconds or until drizzling consistency. Drizzle over warm coffee cake. Serve warm.

Butterscotch Apple Cookies

- ◆ 2 1/2 cups All-purpose Flour
- ◆ 2 tsp. Ground Cinnamon
- ◆ 1 tsp. Baking Soda
- ◆ 1/2 tsp. Salt
- ◆ 1 1/3 cups packed Brown Sugar
- ◆ 10 tbsp. Butter, softened
- ◆ 1 Egg
- ◆ 2/3 cup Apple Juice
- ◆ 2 cups Butterscotch Chips
- ◆ 3/4 cup Grated Apple
- ◆ 3/4 cup Chopped Walnuts
- ◆ 2 tbsp. Butter
- ◆ 1 cup Confectioners' Sugar



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheets. Mix together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Beat brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in egg. Gradually beat in flour mixture alternately with apple juice. Stir in 1 1/2 cups butterscotch chips, apple and 1/2 cup walnuts. Drop by slightly rounded tablespoon onto lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until lightly browned. Let stand 2 minutes; cool on wire racks.

Butterscotch Glaze:

Melt remaining butterscotch chips and 2 tablespoons butter in small, heavy saucepan over lowest possible heat. When the butter and chips have melted remove the pan from heat and stir in 1 cup confectioners' sugar and 1 1/2 tablespoon apple juice until the glaze is smooth. Spread the glaze on the cooled cookies and sprinkle with remaining walnuts.

Make Your Own *Pallet Scarecrow*

You'll Need:

- ◆ 5-7 Pieces of pallet wood, cut to desired length
- ◆ Saw (to cut wood, if necessary)
- ◆ 1-5/8" long wood screws
- ◆ 2" nails
- ◆ Craft paint in desired Fall Colors
- ◆ 1"-2" paint brush
- ◆ Paint pens or detail brush for drawing the face
- ◆ Outdoor Sealer or Indoor Sealer
- ◆ Decorative Items of your choice (Straw, Artificial Fall Flowers, Burlap, Bows, etc.)

Cut a pallet wood to 40" long and 4-1/2" wide, use five boards for the body of the decoration and two smaller boards for the brim of the hat, cut to 32" long. The overall size of this decoration is 40" high x 23" wide, plus 4-1/4" on either side for the brim of the hat. This project is very subjective, so make the boards as long or as short as you want based on the desired finished size of your project. Attach the brim of the hat using the smaller piece of wood. Place at an angle each board using screws to attach them. After attaching the brim to the boards, take nails and hammer them in at an angle on the end of each board so that the boards are connected to each other.

After the brim is attached, you can begin to paint with the Fall Colors you choose. Once this layer of paint is dry, you can add the face using either a very thin detailing brush or paint pens. If you will be displaying your scarecrow outside, seal it with an outdoor sealer or an indoor sealer if displaying indoors. Accessorize the hat, if you like, using a hot glue gun.



Ridding Your Home Of Cockroaches Can Be A Losing Battle Without Professional Extermination



Cockroaches can wreak havoc on your home. To win the war in cockroach control, here's what you should know:

- **Entry:** Cockroaches can enter your home in many different ways, from the outside through cracks and crevices, vents, sewer and drain pipes. We even bring them in on products like grocery bags, boxes, purses and on our person!
- **Ideal environment:** Your home is an ideal breeding ground for certain pest species of cockroaches. With plenty of food, warmth, water and nesting sites, they can remain active all year round.
- **Reproduction:** Cockroaches reproduce quickly. For every one you see there can be many, many more hiding and multiplying behind your walls.
- **Evasiveness:** Because cockroaches typically are nocturnal, if you've seen one, you probably haven't seen them all. The few cockroaches you see by day could mean they were likely forced out by overcrowding; a possible sign of severe infestation.
- **Allergies/Asthma:** The debris created by cast-off cockroach skins, dead bodies and droppings can aggravate allergies, especially in children and sensitive individuals.
- **Do-it-yourself ineffectiveness:** Cockroaches are better at hiding than you are at finding them, and their eggs are naturally protected from many over-the-counter insecticides. Without special equipment, materials and know-how, cockroach control can be a losing battle.



Helpful Hints In Preventing Cockroaches:

There are a few things cockroaches look for when scoping out a potential crash pad: warmth, moisture and food. For this reason, keeping your home clean is the first step in prevention. Empty your garbage on a regular basis, especially during the warmer months. It's also a good idea to not put a lot of stinky food waste into your bin because these smells really attract roaches. Make sure your outdoor garbage can isn't located right beside your house either. If it's parked directly by the back door, you could be leading them right into your house.



What does the Housing Authority require?

First, inform the Housing Authority and your Landlord that your home has cockroaches. If you live in a Single Family Home - it is your responsibility to have your home Professionally Exterminated. If you live in a Duplex or Apartment - it is your Landlord's responsibility to not only have your home Professionally Exterminated but also the other units in your building. Once the Extermination has been completed, the Housing Authority requires you to submit a copy of your Extermination Receipt.



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With the Approach of Fall - It's the Perfect Time to Plant Bulbs for Your Spring Flower Gardens!



Fall bulbs are loved by both beginner and master gardeners, there are so few issues to consider. Gardeners can put all their effort into the fun part of gardening design. Fall allows a "second season" of planting for spring blooming bulbs. Planting in the fall allows a jumpstart to spring growth. The cool weather helps to make a more enjoyable experience for working outside in the garden and requires less watering. The cooler weather allows spring blooming bulbs to winter over, this is important in order for bulbs to provide beautiful spring cheerful blooms.

When bulbs arrive. Bulbs should be planted as soon as the ground is cool, when evening temperatures average between 40° to 50 degrees F. You should plant at least six weeks before the ground freezes. This is most common in cold climates (zones 1-7). You can, if necessary, store bulbs for a month or longer, if you keep them in a cool dry place. Planting fall bulbs in warm climates (zones 8-11) such as **Tulips, Daffodils, Crocus, Hyacinths, Grape Hyacinths, Scilla, and Snowdrops**, require pre-chilling in order to bloom. To pre-chill, leave bulbs in their bags and place in a refrigerator for 6-10 weeks. Be careful not to store bulbs near fruit, especially apples, all ripening fruit give off ethylene gas. Ethylene gas can damage and or kill the flower inside the bulb. Once bulbs are chilled plant them at the coolest time of the year. Most importantly **bulbs** won't last till next season, so make sure to plant them.

Read the label. Try to keep the label together with the **bulbs** until planting. Without the label, you can't tell the **red tulips** from the **white bulbs** just by looking at the them.

Where to plant. You can plant **bulbs** just about anywhere in your garden as long as the soil drains well. The Dutch say, "bulbs don't like wet feet." So, avoid areas where water collects, such as the bottom of hills. **Bulbs** like sun and in many areas the spring garden can be very sunny, since the leaves on the trees are not out yet. So keep in mind when planting in the fall that you can plant in many places for spring blooms.

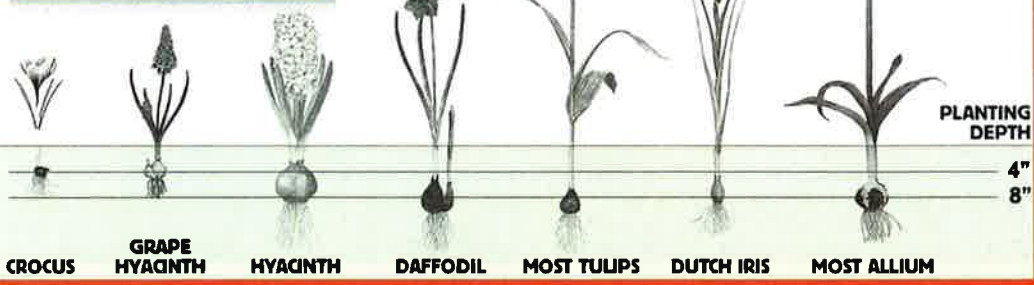
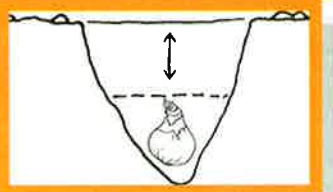
Prepare the planting bed. Dig soil so it's loose and workable. If it's not an established garden bed, chances are the soil could use the addition of some organic matter such as compost or peat moss. These are available at most local garden retailers.

How to Plant Bulbs:

Step 1: Loosen soil in the planting bed to a depth of at least 8". Remove any weeds, rocks or other debris. You can mix in compost, other organic matter or slow releasing fertilizer if your soil lacks nutrients.

Step 2: Depending on the bulb, follow the recommendation on the label for planting depth. As a general rule, plant big bulbs about 8" deep and small bulbs about 5" deep. Set the bulb in the hole pointy side up or the roots down. It's easy to spot the pointy end of a tulip; tougher with a crocus. If you can't figure out the top from the bottom, plant the bulb on its side, in most cases, even if you don't get it right, the flower bulb will still find its way topside.

Step 3: Now that the bulbs are planted, back fill with soil over the hole, lightly compress the soil but do not pack it. Water to stimulate root growth. There is no need to water continuously unless you live in an area with low precipitation in the winter months.



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