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September is a Time of Transition

Get your home ready for the season ahead to savor the comforts of your home.

- **Schedule chimney maintenance.** Make sure your fireplace and heating system are clean, safe and ready to go by having a pro look at them now. If you don't have a chimney cap yet, speak with your chimney sweep about adding one. The metal cap with screened sides can prevent critters from getting in and helps protect your roof from burning embers.
- **Add weather-stripping.** Newer double-pane windows may not need weather-stripping, but it will help older windows retain heat and stop drafts. Check areas with previously applied weather-stripping and remove or replace as needed.
- **Maintain the washer and dryer.** Cleaning out the dryer vents can be a DIY job, but if you don't feel comfortable doing so (or if you've been putting it off), you may want to hire a pro to do washer and dryer maintenance for you. Washing machine hoses need to be replaced from time to time, and a cracked hose can cause a leak — which can mean costly damage to your home. Clean dryer vents and hoses will help your machine work more efficiently and reduce the risk of fire.
- **Inspect the roof and gutters.** Pull out any

September Calendar

September 4th: Labor Day

September 10th: Grandparents Day

September 11th: Patriot Day

September 22nd: Autumn Begins

National Preparedness Month

SEPTEMBER HOME WARRANTY TIP: *Get your furnace tuned up before winter. A tune up can make your system more energy efficient all winter, and it's a great opportunity for a trained HVAC professional to catch minor problems before they turn into major repair expenses.*

sticks or other debris blocking the gutters, and make note of any worn-out seals around vent pipes and chimneys. If you do not feel comfortable on a ladder, or have a home of two or more stories, hire someone to do a quick inspection for you. Schedule any needed repairs now so that your home will be all buttoned up for winter.

- **Consider beefing up insulation.** You may want to think about adding insulation to your attic space or inside walls. This can make a big difference in how well your home retains heat in winter and stays cool in summer.

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National Preparedness Month

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM) which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. The goal of NPM is to increase the overall number of individuals,

families, and communities that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, businesses, school, and place of worship.



Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

For more information, visit: www.ready.gov/september

Grandparents Day

Let's appreciate all the joy and wisdom that grandparents bring to our lives!

Most grandparents don't care what activity they do—they just want to spend time with their grandchildren. Maybe ask your grandparents to show you one of their favorite hobbies. Many National Parks hold special Grandparents Day events, and it can be fun to spend time with your grandparents exploring nature. If your grandparent would prefer a calm day, ask them to show you their favorite movie. No matter what, the best Grandparents Day activity involves you and your grandparents together, celebrating your family and each other.

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SPINACH WALNUT HARVEST SALAD

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 bunch spinach, rinsed and torn into bite-size pieces
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 avocado – peeled, pitted and diced
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons red raspberry jam (with seeds)
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup walnut oil or olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper and salt to taste

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Arrange walnuts in a single layer on a baking sheet. Toast in oven for 5 minutes, or until nuts begin to brown.

In a large bowl, toss together the spinach, walnuts, cranberries, blue cheese, tomatoes, avocado, and red onion.

In a small bowl, whisk together jam, vinegar, oil, pepper, and salt. Pour over the salad just before serving, and toss to coat.

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