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Health Benefits of Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning has been around for a while. It's rooted in cultural traditions that are thousands of years old. And the timing may have a biological explanation.

Winter is a sleepy period. During this cold and gray season, most of us just want to curl up on the nearest couch, watch movies under a blanket and drink hot liquids. Once the sun and warmth return, we have more energy to care about all those dust bunnies collecting beneath the coffee table.

It makes sense that ancient tradition and our own natural instincts have led us to clean in the spring: it's actually good for our health. How? Here are a few things that spring cleaning can help you accomplish.



REDUCE STRESS

Simple and repetitive tasks like dusting can be all it takes to turn your brain off. Or, it can just as easily be a practice in mindfulness. It's all about your intention. Another way to ramp up the anxiety-reducing effects of your housework is to do something that's more physically demanding, like vacuuming, mopping or wiping down kitchen cabinets and appliances. Spring is also a good time to clean out closets and get more organized.



ENCOURAGE SLEEP

Have you ever noticed the difference between sleeping in a messy bed and one that's freshly laundered and made? What about in a room littered with dirty laundry versus one that's free from clutter? These details can impact our ability to relax and drift into deep, quality Zzzs. Organize your space for more calm.



LIFT MOOD

Aside from these reasons, which are also great ways to improve mood, it just feels good to accomplish something. Even achieving small goals can cause your brain to release the "feel good" chemical dopamine. And who doesn't want that? So, go ahead and make that to-do list for yourself just so you can check off items along the way. Small wins!

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Indoor Fun for the Family

As Arizona summer heats up, you'll want to stay indoors and keep cool. But being stuck inside doesn't have to mean endless scrolling, video games or movies. Here are a few ways to get children having a good time without a screen.

HOOP IT UP

Want to get your kids up and moving? Hula-hooping is a great way to strengthen core muscles and burn energy. Clear some space of furniture, sharp edges and breakables. Then get to hooping! For a creative twist, they can walk backwards while hula-hooping or spin the hoop around their arms or ankles.

KEEP IT COOL

Deal with the heat by eating something frozen! Teach your kids how to make their own healthy popsicles. You will need popsicle molds with sticks; fruit; some flavor fixings like yogurt, coconut milk, honey, orange juice, and/or lemons; and a blender. If you don't have a blender, you can cook fruit, covered with water, in a pot over medium heat until it's soft enough to mash up. Then be sure to mix in lemon juice and a sweetener to taste. Add water if needed before pouring into the molds.

BUILD A FORT

Remember forts from when you were a kid? Little ones love to get lost in make-believe, and it's even better when they get to have a hand in creating the scene. Drape blankets over chairs that you've arranged in an open space. Let kiddos "decorate" inside the fort with pillows and toys. Don't forget to join in!

CREATE A TORNADO

A tornado in a jar is a fun way to get kids thinking about the natural world in a new way. You'll need an eight-ounce jar with a lid, water, vinegar, clear liquid dish soap and a pinch of glitter. Fill the jar three-fourths of the way full of water. Put in one teaspoon of vinegar and one teaspoon of dish soap, then sprinkle in a small amount of glitter. To get your "tornado" twisting, close the lid and twist the jar to swirl the water, and see a vortex form in the center of the jar!

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HAVE A SCAVENGER HUNT

First, collect a group of "treasures." These don't have to be anything special—just regular items lying around. You can create a point system for these items and come up with a prize for the person with the most points. Create a set of clues on index cards or small pieces of paper. These will tell where to find the "treasures." Draw pictures if your kids aren't old enough to read!

Give Your Immune System a Natural Boost

All of us want to be as healthy as we can be. This means we must protect our immune systems and strengthen them to the best of our abilities. Fortunately, there are many actions we can take to naturally boost the body's immunity.

Read on for four ways you can improve your health.



EAT MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

What you eat is an important part of how you feel. Nutritious foods—especially fresh produce—can boost mood and protect the body from disease. As a general rule, try to incorporate one or two servings of fruits and vegetables into each meal. This might look like slicing up a banana on toast with nut butter or roasting broccoli to eat as a side dish.

MOVE YOUR BODY



Getting daily exercise can have profound impacts on health. Whether you're lifting weights, jogging or dancing to your favorite music, it's a win. Regular exercise and physical activity can help you manage weight and chronic health conditions, plus give you more energy while improving sleep.



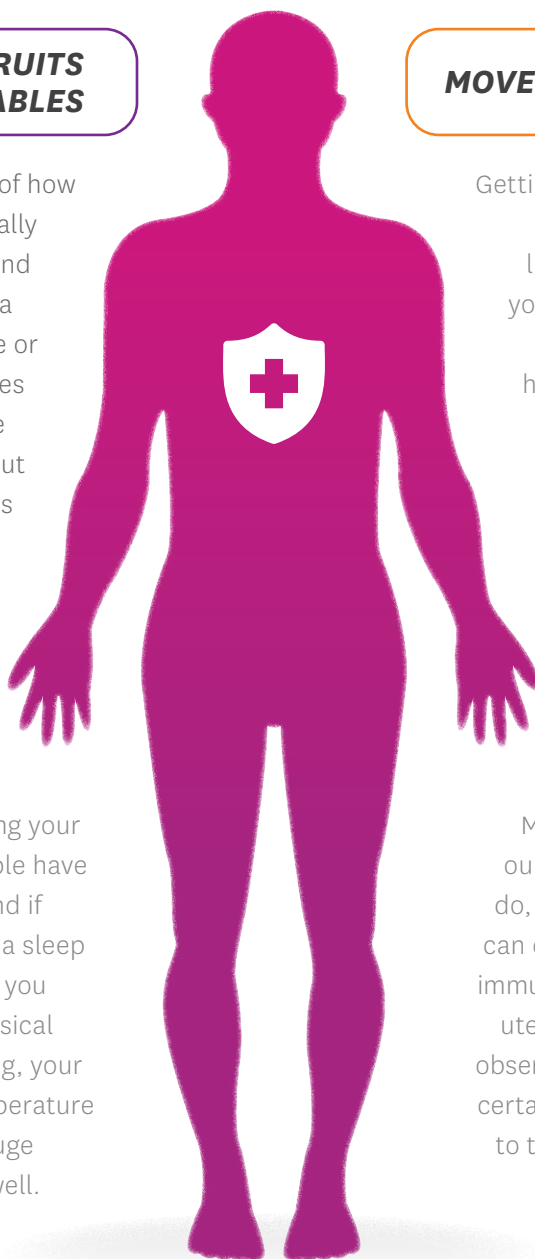
START A SLEEP HYGIENE HABIT

Quality sleep is essential for keeping your mind and body healthy. Many people have trouble falling or staying asleep, and if this is an issue for you, developing a sleep hygiene routine could be just what you need. Things like your daytime physical activity level, your bedroom lighting, your intake of stimulants and what temperature you keep your home can make a huge difference in your ability to sleep well.

OBSERVE GOOD FOOD SAFETY



Many of us have to prepare meals for ourselves and those we love. When we do, there are a number of behaviors we can control in the kitchen to protect our immune systems. Beyond washing hands, utensils and surfaces, it's important to observe food safety rules such as keeping certain raw meats separate, cooking food to the correct temperature and making sure to refrigerate food promptly.



Get Your Grill On

When neighborhood grills start firing up, you know it's summer. Time to get out of the steam-filled kitchen and into the backyard. Grilling is a wonderful way to add a smoky twist to chicken, steaks, veggies and even dessert! Dessert? Yeah, we'll get to that shortly.

Here are a few ways to prepare some of your summer favorites in a healthier and safer manner on the grill:

SPLAY OUT YOUR CHICKEN

Barbecued chicken is an American delight. But preparing it on the grill can be a pain—all that turning of each piece, not knowing if the thighs are still raw at the bone while the breasts are bone-dry. Here's one of the most helpful grilling tricks you'll learn all summer. If you don't care about another word in this newsletter, just check out this easy recipe for grilling a [spatchcocked chicken](#).

ENJOY FRESH CORN WITHOUT BUTTER

Pour a couple tablespoons of Louisiana-style concentrated [liquid crab boil](#) into a large pot of water, and then drop in the fresh corn. You should be able to smell the spices during cooking. If you don't get a sharp whiff of the crab boil, just add a tad more (a little goes a long way). When the corn is finished, drain the water, squeeze some lemon juice over the ears, and sprinkle them with a salt-free spice such as Mrs. Dash or seasoned pepper. You'll be surprised by the unique, savory flavor. Just call it "no-guilt corn."

GRILL YOUR DESSERT, TOO

Nope, we're not roasting marshmallows. Now we're going to make grilled [summer fruit kebabs](#) with fresh pineapple, peaches, and strawberries; a little olive oil; and a dash of sea salt. Although the grilling process intensifies the sugars in the fruit, you can also sprinkle the finished kebabs with a bit of brown sugar while they're still hot or drizzle them with honey or agave syrup after they cool. (Quick tip: soaking wooden skewers in water for 20 minutes before use helps prevent them from burning.)



How's this for a summer menu that's packed with flavor, texture and interest, yet light on calories and salt?

Be sure to place your grill on stable ground at least 10 feet away from any buildings or overhanging tree branches, and keep a connected water hose or fully charged fire extinguisher within arm's reach.

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Exercise Your Brain!

Tease your mind with this alphabet challenge. Sort through these scrambled words and give your brain the exercise it wants today!

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S	S	C	W	E	A	Q	P	L	G	G	A	R
G	O	R	K	N	M	M	Y	I	R	F	D	E
U	R	H	E	U	A	L	A	A	A	P	A	T
Y	T	E	M	H	I	N	N	M	N	O	E	S
Q	W	M	A	M	T	D	N	S	D	P	D	I
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MOM
MUMMY
NANNA
DADDY
NEPHEW
NIECE
POPPY
SISTER
UNCLE

AUNTIE
BROTHERS
COUSINS
DADDY
FAMILY
GRANDFATHER
GRANDMOTHER
GREAT AUNT
MAMA

R	I	W	A	G	N	E	P	H	E	W	F	R
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Answers:



Fun Fact

GET THIS!

This Independence Day, enjoy familiar foods knowing you are in good company. Americans consume around 155 million hot dogs on the Fourth of July each year. They also spend \$92 million on chips, \$167.5 million on watermelon and \$341.4 million on beer.

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