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Fire, Smoke, Soot, Water & Mold Remediation Services
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Summer Newsletter 2018



The Cape is Alive and Busy!

We're thrilled to hear and see that Cape Cod is booming this summer! AAA predicted a 5 percent increase in travelers from 2017. Even the great white sharks returned in larger numbers (psst! Follow [Atlantic White Shark Conservancy](#) for amazing updates & videos of them!). With the beautiful weather recently who can resist?

Last year we focused our summer blog on outdoor fire safety ([follow these tips and enjoy the great outdoors!](#)). With all of the flooding events this past year we've made our new one about taking advantage of the favorable weather to help [protect your property from future flooding events](#). It's definitely worth a quick read whether you're in a flood zone or not.

If you have any questions or suggestions shoot us an [e-mail](#).
Tackle any of the monthly to-dos or the seasonal recipe? Snap a picture and [show us!](#)

New Savings on Cleaning Services!

We've been busy working on some great new e-mail specials for



Whether your a previous [Chem-Dry](#) customer of ours, one of our general subscribers or a previous Whalen Restoration customer

we want to make sure you're in on it!



Locals, don't miss out! [CLICK HERE](#) and we'll add you to the list for future specials

(feel free to use the current summer coupon that pops up while you're at it).

Summer Home Maintenance To-Do List

June

1. Test all of your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
2. Seal your deck. You will need 3 consecutive warm and sunny days. Give the deck a full day to get nice and dry. On the second day, scrub and clean it early. On the third day, at least 24 hours after cleaning, apply the sealer.
3. Hire a certified chimney sweep. Cleaning and inspecting the chimney now instead of in the cooler fall months allows for time to complete any necessary repairs. It will also be easier to schedule the service since many people wait until just before the heating season.
4. Clean your home's exterior with a mild detergent and a water hose. Pressure washers are great tools but when it comes to siding they are so powerful that they can actually force water underneath encouraging the growth of mold and mildew.
5. **Clean your dryer vent system.** This is a key task for fire safety. Lint is extremely flammable. Open up the back of the dryer and clean in there too. If you're looking for a professional to do it ask your local duct cleaners.
6. Make sure that your motion detector lighting systems and automatic timers are all set and working properly. Those automatic timers are particularly important if you plan to be away for any period of time.

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July

1. Test all of your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
2. Check for peeling or cracked paint on your exterior walls. South and west facing walls deteriorate the fastest. Paint as needed.
3. Repair any cracks or missing mortar in your brick or masonry siding. You can use fresh mortar or concrete caulk.
4. Check your roof, inside and out, for cracks, loose or missing shingles or signs of leaks. Pay close attention to valleys around chimneys and around vent stacks.
5. Trim shrubs and branches so that they are not coming in contact with your siding.
6. Repair your driveway where necessary. Cracks in concrete can be sealed with an epoxy patching material, asphalt can be repaired with an asphalt material and driveways should be sealed every other year.
7. Clean your refrigerator inside and out removing all food, shelves, trays and old ice from the ice maker. Replace the baking soda.

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August

1. Test all of your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
2. Inspect your foundation for signs of termites. Look for tunnels and dirt bridges. If you suspect them call an exterminator right away.
3. Use a vacuum with a narrow nozzle to clean the condenser coils on the back or underneath your refrigerator.
4. Make any necessary faucet repairs. Check for any worn washers and signs of leaking both on top of and underneath the faucet.

5. Clean your range hood and either clean or replace the filter.
6. Replace your air conditioner filter.
7. Hoping to do any interior remodeling projects this fall? Start the planning and estimate collection now so that they can be done early in the season.

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BLT Pasta Salad

by [The Girl Who Ate Everything](#)

Serves 10

You had be at BLT!

Ingredients

- 1 (1 ounce) package dry Ranch dressing mix
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 lb bow-tie pasta (farfalle pasta)
- 1 1/2 cups cherry or grape tomatoes halved
- 1 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1 1/2 cups chopped Romaine lettuce
- 1/2 cup finely chopped flat leaf parsley

Instructions

1. For the Ranch dressing: Whisk together the Ranch dressing mix, milk, and mayonnaise. Chill at least 30 minutes in the fridge to thicken.
2. Cook the pasta according to the package directions. Drain and rinse with cold water to stop the cooking process.
3. In a large bowl, add the pasta, tomatoes, red onion, and pepper. Toss with the Ranch dressing, reserving 1/2 cup for later. Chill until ready to serve. Right before serving add the bacon, lettuce, and parsley tossing well. Add the remaining dressing if needed as the pasta will soak up the dressing.



Notes: I have tried this with both bottled and fresh Ranch dressing and fresh is 100% better. If you have a dressing you love, you can use it instead of making it from the mix.

Source: Allrecipes

[What's your favorite summer recipe? Share it with us!](#)



Don't Take Our Word For It

Nandini T. wrote a wonderful note on our Certificate of Satisfaction for Whalen Restoration Services Inc.- June 28, 2018 "We are so impressed by the attention to detail, workmanship & professionalism during the process of remediation & reconstruction of our condo following flood damage. Our project manager, Jason, was readily available & extremely responsive to us. He managed ALL the details, small & large, from packing the contents of our condo to troubleshooting missing tile & then making sure our things were put back exactly as we left them.

They house was professionally cleaned & spotless when we returned after the repairs. We highly recommend Whalen & would gladly use them again anytime."

Kathy S. wrote a review for Whalen Restoration Services Inc. on [BBB](#) - July 6, 2018 "We consider ourselves lucky to have had Whalen recommended to us when we had damage. They arrived at our house within 90 minutes, on a holiday weekend, no less. Whalen handled our case very professionally, and that includes instilling a sense of confidence that the job would be done

well. Their work was of very high quality, they responded promptly to questions and problems, and they completed tasks on or in some cases ahead of schedule. They were also very helpful in helping with insurance-related issues. There are aspects that are intangible and therefore hard to assign a dollar amount to, but their assurances and advice made a difference in our experience in the 5 months we were displaced from our house."

[See more testimonials here!](#)

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*"Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth,
the air and you."
~ Langston Hughes*

*"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as
things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over
again with the summer."
~ F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby*

*"One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by."
~ Jeanette Walls, The Glass Castle*

*"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long
year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks
that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to
the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously
silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too
much color."
~ Natalie Babbitt, Tuck Everlasting*

