



Tasty Cabbage Soup

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- 1/2 medium head cabbage, chopped
- 4 large carrots, cubed
- 1 sweet onion, minced
- 4 stalks celery, cubed
- 3/4 cup ketchup
- 1 1/2 cups tomato-vegetable juice cocktail

- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can chicken broth
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can peeled and diced tomatoes

Place chopped cabbage into an 8-quart soup pot. Microwave diced carrot in 2 tablespoons water for 6 minutes on high. Microwave diced celery in 2 tablespoons water for 4 minutes on high. Add the microwaved vegetables to the pot. Add minced sweet onion, celery, and ketchup. Add juice cocktail, vegetable broth, chicken broth, and tomatoes. Fill each can with water, and add the water to the mixture. Cover, and bring to a boil. Continue boiling for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to simmer and cook for 2 to 3 hours. Serve with slices of a French baguette. Have salt, black pepper, and Tabasco available to season to taste at the table

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. ~Anne Bradstreet



- 10—Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17—St. Patrick's Day
- 20—Spring Begins
- 31—Easter Sunday

Did You Know.....

- *No matter its size or thickness, no piece of paper can be folded in half more than 8 times.
- *Children laugh about 400 times a day, while adults laugh on average only 15 times a day.
- *Motorists who talk on cell phones are more impaired than drunk drivers with blood-alcohol levels exceeding .08!
- *Less than 10% of criminals commit about 67% of all crime.



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Does a staged house sell faster and at a higher price than one that is not staged? Studies have shown that the answer is, "yes". Staging does not mean that you have to buy new furniture or redecorate just utilize what you have wisely. When we live in a house we collect and decorate to please ourselves but when contemplating selling, you have to create an atmosphere that will appeal to the largest number of buyers. First step to staging is to de-personalize the rooms by removing personal clutter in the form of your collectables and family mementos from walls and surfaces. We often stuff our rooms with too much furniture so select those pieces which will complement each room and remove all other furniture. Arrange the remaining furniture to create a feeling of spaciousness. Don't forget your closets because a stuffed closet says storage is minimal. Remove unused small appliances and decorative items from kitchen counters, add coordinated linens to bathrooms and remove heavy window treatments to allow for more natural light. Once the rooms are cleared of clutter, assess for repairs, paint and cleanliness. Buyers look for deficiencies which would justify a lower price so addressing repairs is critical to obtaining your price. Fresh paint always brightens a room but remember to use neutral colors. The final step in staging the interior is a thorough cleaning to include washing windows, polishing mirrors and all reflective surfaces. Once you are finished on the interior, it's time to address the exterior. Curb appeal is so important because the front is the first area that a potential buyer observes. The front entry should be free of cobwebs and do paint the front door and trim if they are showing signs of weathering. If weather permits, have flowers and plants arranged attractively by the front door. Trim shrubs, mow regularly and mulch beds because a neat yard gives the impression of a well kept house. Since staging is about de-cluttering and presentation, you can apply the technique whether you have plans to sell or are just looking at spring cleaning. Remember to call on the experienced Agents of WILLOW Realty for all your real estate transactions.



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March is the month when many of the beautiful spring flowering perennials begin to flower. With Spring just around the corner, it is time to get serious and get the garden ready.

SHRUB and TREES

Late March and early April is a good time to transplant shrubs and trees. As soon as the soil is workable, but before buds have swelled or broken open, you can move shrubs and trees. Fertilize shrubs and trees if this wasn't done in February Prune fruit trees before the buds swell.

PERENNIALS, ANNUALS and BULBS

Roses can be pruned this month. Severe pruning results in nicer long stemmed flowers and more compact bushes. Begin to spray

roses for black spot. And feed roses.

Divide and transplant summer blooming perennials and fertilize established ones as soon as new growth appears.

Plant tender bulbs and tubers (gladiola, lilies and dahlias). You may continue planting additional bulbs every two weeks until mid June to ensure a continuous source of bloom. Remove all dead blooms from bulbs. Fertilize any bulbs that have finished blooming.

ODDS and ENDS

Turn the compost pile. Remove any coarse mulch, from the garden, and add it to the compost

Repair damaged areas of the lawn.

Most lawns will need a spring feeding but if thatching or liming needs to be done, do those jobs



first. If moss is a problem, a combination fertilizer and moss killer can be applied, to do both jobs in one easy application. fertilized.

March is a good time to note areas of poor drainage. If there are pools of water in your yard that do not drain. Fill in the low spot or scoop out a channel for the water to drain away.

Clean out all of your birdhouses now, so that they will be ready when the birds return.

Repair any fencing, arbors, or trellis-work that is weak or has broken over the winter.

The fickle weather of March makes it impossible to set dates and schedules for planting, so proceed with caution!

