



NEWSLETTER

Protect Your Home From Water Damage

August 2021

Arugula Watermelon Feta Salad

Vinaigrette

1/4 c fresh squeezed orange juice
1/4 c fresh squeezed lemon juice from 2 lemons
1/4 c minced shallots
1 tbsp honey
1/2 c good olive oil



Salad:

6 c baby arugula washed & spun dry
Half of a small seedless watermelon
rind removed-cut in 1 inch cubes
2 ounces feta cheese 1/2" diced
4 ounces whole fresh mint leaves,
julienned

Whisk together the orange juice, lemon juice, shallots, honey, salt, and pepper. Slowly pour in the olive oil, whisking constantly, to form an emulsion. If prepping ahead (more than an hour) store in a fridge in a mason jar.

Fun Facts

August's full moon, the full **Sturgeon Moon**, reaches peak illumination in the morning hours of Sunday, August 22. For the best view of the full Moon, look skyward on the night of the 21st!

Water damage is one of the most common and costliest disasters your home can experience.

Safeguard your most important asset against water damage with the following practical advice.

Reseal your basement. Water in the basement is often caused by cracks in building foundations or floor slabs. If you notice water seepage after heavy rain when you've never had a problem, it may mean that your once-waterproof cement floors and basement walls have deteriorated. Painting vulnerable areas with water sealant can prevent seepage.

Make sure water drains away from the building. Seepage is exacerbated by soil that has settled in a way to make water flow toward the building. After a storm, and especially if the ground is already saturated, rainwater that flows towards the building goes down the outside of the foundation wall potentially through any cracks.

Check your downspouts. Remove debris that may have accumulated in downspouts and rain gutters. Position downspouts so that they direct water away from the house.

Maintain and understand your indoor plumbing systems

Inspect appliance hoses and faucets. Make it a practice every year to check hoses leading to water heaters, dishwashers, washing machines and refrigerator icemakers. You may also want to invest in a water leak monitoring and shut-off system that can alert you to any leakage issues. Immediately replace any hoses that have cracks or leaks, and replace them all every five to seven years.

Know the location of the main water shut-off valve in your home.

A damaged hose or a burst pipe can send water racing into your home. Being able to locate and shut off the main water supply quickly will save stress, money and time.

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