



NEWSLETTER

Protect Your Home From Water Damage

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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,
juliened

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.

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.

Fun Facts

August's full moon, the full **Sturgeon
Moon**, reaches peak illumination in the
morning hours of Sunday, August 22.
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