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FROM CAROLYN'S
KITCHEN

SUN-DRIED HERB
TOMATOES

- 12 Italian plum tomatoes
- 1 tbs salt (approx.)
- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 cup good Italian Olive Oil
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 sprigs fresh basil or rosemary

Cut tomatoes in half. Lay on trays and salt lightly. Put out in the sun & allow tomatoes to dehydrate slowly. (Cover with cheesecloth or plastic screening to protect & take trays in at night if there is heavy dew.) When tomatoes are dry & shriveled, dip in white vinegar, shake off excess. Place in sterilized pint jars with garlic & your choice of herb & cover completely with olive oil. For longer shelf life, process jars in boiling water bath 15 min. Makes about 2 cups.

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How to clean and prevent moldy houses



Mold is not the problem. Mold is a symptom of a moisture problem due to water leaks and/or inadequate ventilation. Mold needs moisture to grow and to multiply as it eats your home building materials and personal possessions. The first step in mold remediation is to remove the cause, then tackle the mold issue.

What products should I use to clean and prevent mold?

Do not use ineffective chlorine bleach to try to kill mold growth and mold spores. Bleach is too weak. Other ineffective products to kill mold include Kilz - a primer applied to surfaces prior to painting. "Mold and mildew covered surfaces must be thoroughly washed with a mildew remover, rinsed with water and allowed to dry before priming." Painting over a mold problem does not solve it. Lysol, ammonia, and other household cleaners and disinfectants are ineffective and should not be used.

Experts recommend spraying an effective mold killer, like Concrobium, to take care of the problem. Concrobium is an EPA-registered solution that works as it dries. The product hardens over the moldy surface to form an invisible film that physically crushes the mold micro-organism underneath. Additionally, Concrobium stays on surfaces to provide continual resistance against mold regrowth (www.concrobium.com).

How can I clean moldy surfaces?

How to clean areas contaminated with mold depends on the surface where the mold is growing. A professional should be consulted if large areas (more than 30 square feet) are contaminated with mold. Following are suggested procedures to remove small amounts of topical mold on hard surfaces where no major damage has been observed. This is usually found on windows and sills, in closets, bathroom walls and ceilings, and kitchen areas.

Dampen the area where mold is present. This will prevent the mold from producing additional spores and spreading to other parts of the house. Use a solution of household cleaner with either hydrogen peroxide or a antifungicidal cleaner added. Again, no bleach products.

Note: A good antifungicidal cleaner can be made by combining one-teaspoon borax with one-teaspoon liquid soap in one-quart warm water. Carefully scrub the area and rinse with fresh water. Be careful not to spread the mold to other areas.

Wipe the area clean. Double bag and dispose of all cleaning materials (sponges, rags, paper towels).

Thoroughly dry and spray with Concrobium Mold Killer. The area may be stained but the mold will be dead and contained.

Thoroughly dry again. Paint if needed.

Absorbent or porous materials, such as ceiling tiles and carpet, may have to be thrown away if they become moldy. Mold can grow on or fill in the empty spaces and crevices of porous materials, so the mold may be difficult or impossible to remove completely.

A last word on cleaning mold - limit your exposure. Wear a mask to avoid breathing in mold or mold spores. Wear gloves and avoid touching mold or moldy items with your bare hands. Wear goggles that do not have ventilation holes to avoid getting mold or mold spores in your eyes.

Remember: If you see or smell mold in your home, you have a problem.

Jack's Night Out at the Movies

The lucky winner of this issue's "night out" is **Billie Liddicoat.**

Billie has won tickets and treats for two at the movie of her choice. Want to enter for the next draw? Give Jack a call: 250-598-6200 to say hello or send a quick email: jdavis@davisrealty.ca He likes to hear from his friends & clients... anytime!

Thank you to all of my clients for the continued loyalty over the years and I appreciate your referrals!

Chuckles for the day:



FOR SALE BY OWNER

MUST SELL LOST JOB, CAN'T PAY
MORTGAGE, WIFE LEFT, TOOK DOG HOUSE. A
GEM EXCEPT FOR ASBESTOS BEST OFFER

The dream of the older generation was to pay off a mortgage. The dream of today's young families is to get one.

JACK SAYS:

Prices are still soft but they should not move down noticeable but could remain level for several years. Mortgages will be a little more restrictive but rates are still good.

Some Traditional Cures for Summer Hazards

STINGS: You can soothe the sting of a wasp or bee by cutting an onion in half and holding the cut side to the sting. Two alternatives: meat tenderizer or baking soda. Take either powder make a paste with water. Slather it on the sting immediately.

MOTION SICKNESS: If you succumb to motion sickness ginger is an ancient Chinese treatment. Make a tea or just eat candied ginger.

BURNS: If you happen to burn yourself, run cold water on burn, grab the yellow mustard, especially if it's cold. Pour on burn, let it dry. If you don't have mustard, soya sauce also does the job.

RASH: If you come in contact with poison ivy or poison oak, first wash the area with soap and water or alcohol wipes.

Then slather a soothing film of milk of magnesia on the rash. Also works for other fungal infections. Listerine also works..

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