

Comfortable LIVING

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AT-HOME WATER TREATMENT

The water you receive at home sometimes needs additional treatment. Whether it's to remove chlorine, heavy metals from the pipe distribution system or to soften the water, at-home water treatment equipment is available.

Here are some options for water treatment that might benefit your family:

WATER SOFTENERS

Water softeners work by substituting sodium or potassium for the hardening minerals. They use small resin beads to facilitate the exchange. As water is softened, the beads must be regenerated to continue softening water. A cycle is carried out which replaces the calcium and magnesium ions on the beads with sodium or potassium. The water and removed hardening minerals are flushed down the drain. Water softeners thus consumes water when regenerating but saves money on soaps and detergents as you use less. Also reduces the hard water build up inside your home's pipes.

FILTERS

Filters are used to remove various chemicals, heavy metals and pathogens as well as to improve the taste of tap water.

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The type of filtration system you choose depends on what needs to be removed.

Types of filtration systems include activated carbon filters, ultraviolet (UV) filters and reverse osmosis.

Activated carbon filters improve the taste of water and remove particles like sediment and chemicals like chlorine. They also remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs) present in the water. VOCs are toxic gaseous chemicals released from solids and liquids. Depending on the chemical and extent of exposure, VOCs can cause headaches, nausea or more long term illnesses.

Ultraviolet (UV) filters use UV light to kill bacteria and viruses responsible for many gastrointestinal illnesses.

Most municipalities treat water to remove pathogens but if you're using well water or if you are concerned about your city's water treatment, having one at home may be absolutely necessary.

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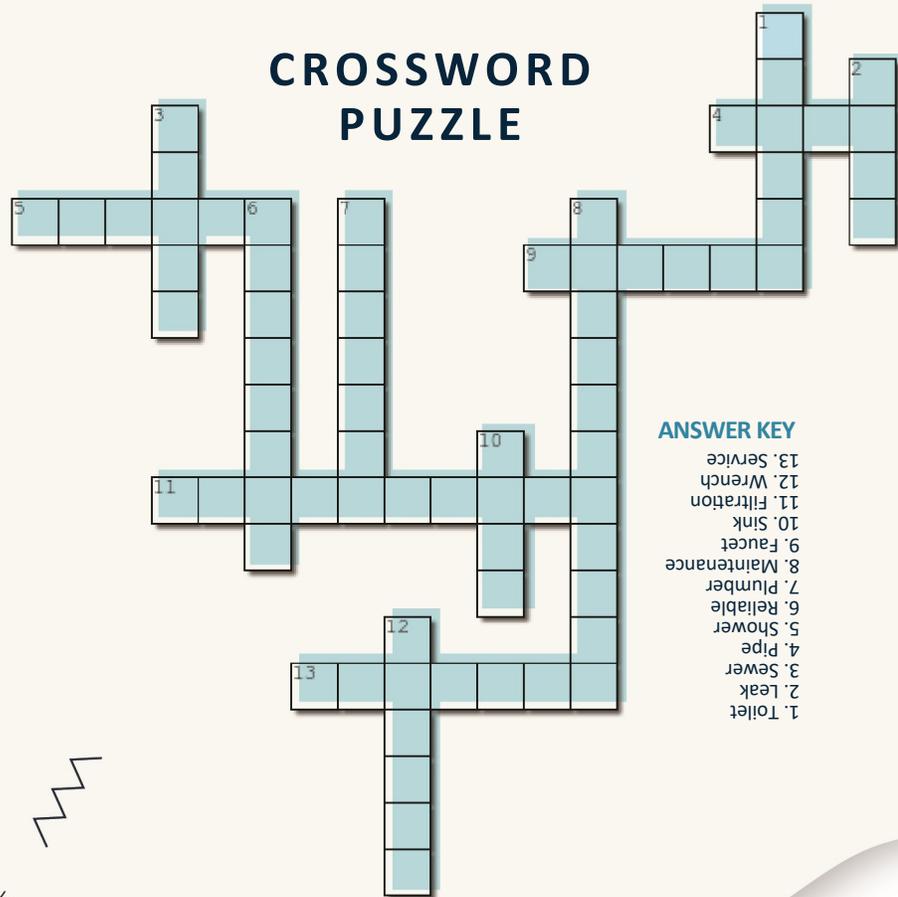
ACROSS

4. Tube of metal, plastic, or other material used to convey substances.
5. Bath in which water is sprayed on the body, usually from an overhead perforated nozzle
9. Device by which a flow of liquid from a pipe can be controlled
11. The act of passing a liquid through a substance in order to remove suspended impurities
13. Act of helpful activity, help, or aid.

DOWN

1. Bathroom fixture consisting of a bowl, a hinged seat and lid, and a device for flushing
2. Unintended hole, crack, or the like, through which liquid enters or escapes
3. Artificial conduit, usually underground, for carrying off waste water and refuse
6. Dependable in achievement, accuracy, and honesty. To be trusted.
7. Person who installs and repairs the pipes and fittings of water supply, sanitation, or heating systems.
8. Care or upkeep, as of machinery or property
10. Basin, usually connected with a water supply and drainage system
12. Tool used for gripping and turning nuts, bolts, etc.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ANSWER KEY

1. Toilet
2. Leak
3. Sewer
4. Pipe
5. Shower
6. Reliable
7. Plumber
8. Maintenance
9. Faucet
10. Sink
11. Filtration
12. Wrench
13. Service

AT-HOME WATER TREATMENT (CONT.)

Reverse osmosis uses a membrane to remove particles from water, including molecules, particles and bacteria. The membrane is semipermeable, meaning that it allows some particles to pass through (like water molecules) while retaining larger particles (like bacteria and calcium). Energy is consumed to force the contaminated water through the membrane in order to purify it. You may also want to re-alkaline your water if using this type of system.

There are many options for home water treatment and there is no one type that works for all situations. If you need to assess your needs and available options, give us a call and we can help you get the right system to protect your family's health.



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TURN A HOUSE INTO A HOME WITH ART

You spend time and money to get the right furniture, appliances and fixtures to make your home exactly the way you want it. Even if it happens over time, turning an empty house into a home takes effort and love. But are you overlooking one important item?

Having art in your home has many benefits, both aesthetic and emotional. So how do you go about choosing the right artwork for your home?

START WITH SOMETHING YOU LIKE

Some people believe that they need to “know” about art to bring it into their lives. Collecting art isn’t a mysterious

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JOKE SECTION

What did one toilet say to the other toilet?

You look flushed!

Dad called the plumber for a faucet install...

He just couldn't get a handle on it.

TURN A HOUSE INTO A HOME (CONT.)

skill possessed by a small group of individuals. You don't need a deep knowledge of light and dark or composition to appreciate a painting. One of the motivators that drives artists to create is the reaction or emotion that it evokes in the viewer. Choose work that appeals to you and elicits an emotional connection.

CAN YOU AFFORD IT?

It goes without saying that if you plan to purchase art, you shouldn't have to break the bank to do so. If you find artwork you love that's beyond your price range, don't be afraid to ask if there are prints available. Artists sometimes sell high quality copies of paintings as a lower cost option for viewers who love their art. Alternatively, you can choose a smaller painting by that artist if having an original painting appeals to you.

COMMISSION A PAINTING

While this might seem like an expensive proposition, there's nothing like having a truly unique piece of artwork that was created just for you. A commissioned painting can become an heirloom for future generations, making it more than just a decoration piece in your home.

CONNECT WITH ARTISTS

Sometimes, knowing the stories behind artwork can cast a new light on them, helping you to connect with them in a special



way. Knowing the artist who created the work can also help you decide to purchase a particular piece. Get to know the artist behind the artwork and that can help you make the right choice for your space.

CHECK ONLINE AND IN PERSON

Many artists have their work available online, but there's no substitute for seeing art in person. When doing your search, don't forget galleries, cafes and art shows. You can even turn your art search into family time and enjoy the process of day trips.

Adding art to your home has many benefits and is easier than you think. Keep looking around until you find the right art for you and your family.

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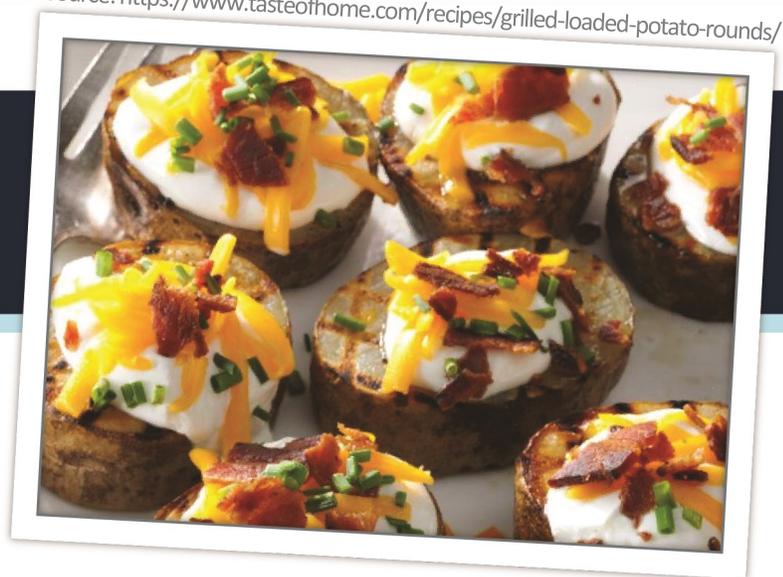


GRILLED LOADED POTATO ROUNDS

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 large potatoes, baked and cooled
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 3 tablespoons minced chives

Source: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/grilled-loaded-potato-rounds/>



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Trim ends of potatoes. Slice potatoes into 1 inch thick rounds.
- Brush with butter. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Place potatoes on grill rack, buttered side down. Grill, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 inch from heat until browned, 5-7 minutes.
- Brush with remaining butter; turn. Grill or broil until browned, 5-7 minutes longer.
- Top with sour cream, cheese, bacon and chives. Mmm...