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## KRIS' TIPS&TRICKS

### UNCLOGGING DRAINS - AN ECO-FRIENDLY SOLUTION

Throughout the course of the day, we usually put a lot more than just water down the drain.

To keep your drains clog-free, follow this simple eco-friendly recipe and repeat this process on a weekly basis.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup baking soda
- 1/4 cup cream of tartar

Combine the above ingredients and pour the mixture into the drains around your home.

After pouring the mixture down the drains, then pour 2 cups of boiling water down each drain.

This is a great and easy way to take care of your home AND the environment!

# WARM HANDS & FULL HEARTS FOOD DRIVE

## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS WHO DONATED!

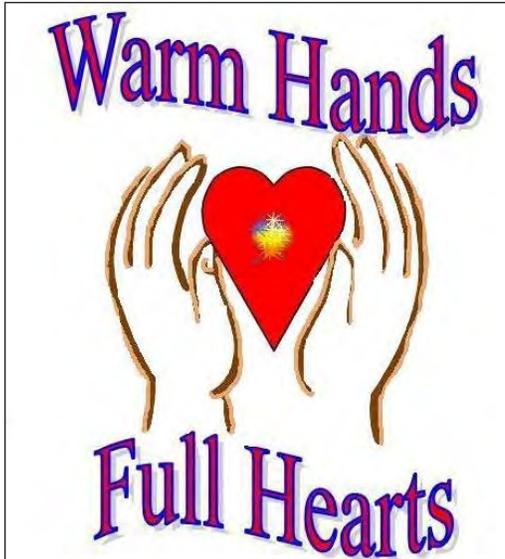
This past year, Bishop Plumbing kicked off our first *Warm Hands & Full Hearts Food Drive* with great success! In just the first couple of days, we received nearly 200 food items from our customers and after the first couple weeks, we had received over 1,000 items of food!

When a customer donated at least five (5) food and/or paper items for the *Warm Hands & Full Hearts Food Drive*, Bishop Plumbing offered \$25.00 off that customer's current plumbing service bill as well as a coupon for \$25.00 off a future service with Bishop Plumbing.

"It has been such an encouragement to our staff and customers to see how much food we've received to donate to our local food pantries and shelters," said Kristina Curran. "Our technicians are so ex-

cited about what we've been able to accomplish and can't wait until next year's food drive."

food last year to share with those in need throughout its 17-county service area in Northern Virginia and Suburban Maryland.



The local food pantries and shelters that received the donations from Bishop Plumbing customers include the Self Help Closet & Food Pantry of Des Plaines, Mount Prospect Food Pantry, Elk Grove Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, The Palatine Township Food Pantry, and Maine Township Food Pantry. All of these facilities accept donations throughout the year.

Thank you to all of our customers for their participation!

The *Warm Hands and Full Hearts Food Drive Challenge* was originally developed by Northern Virginia plumber Mr. R. Wendell Presgrave. Mr. Presgrave's company, My Plumber Heating and Air, Inc., collected nearly 24,000 pounds of

To learn more about the *Warm Hands & Full Hearts Food Drive*, visit the Bishop Plumbing website at [www.BishopPlumbing.com](http://www.BishopPlumbing.com).



### Spring Quote: Benjamin Franklin

*"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man."*

## Local Focus Article: **FLOOD PREVENTION IN A FLOOD-PRONE TOWN**

This past fall, the City of Des Plaines was declared a disaster area by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) due to extreme flooding from excessive rain which caused the Des Plaines River to breach its average water level.

In response to the flooding, FEMA opened a fourth Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) next to the Des Plaines Theater to assist residents with the losses incurred by the flooding.

It is important for all households that are situated in a flood-prone region to take the necessary precautions to prevent any future disaster from affecting the stability of their home. Therefore, we highly recommend that these households install a flood control system to prevent any sewer backup. A backwater valve will stop

the water in the sewer pipes and keep it from entering your home - even when the flood waters and gravity are trying to reverse the flow. A backwater valve is completely automatic and still allows the owner to use the sanitary sewers during flooding.

The installation of a backwater valve for your sewer requires a licensed plumber and a permit from the Des Plaines building department. Our professionals at Bishop Plumbing have extensive training and experience with installing backwater valves and other flood control systems. To learn more about our sewer services, please contact our office at 847-824-1800.

*Right: Bishop Plumbing technicians prepare to install a flood prevention device at a Des Plaines home.*



## PROTECT YOUR HOME. BETTER TO PREVENT THAN TO REACT.

### WATERING YOUR LAWN DOESN'T NEED TO BE A CHORE

Watering your lawn this spring and summer does not need to be a chore. Here are the top 4 reasons why you should seriously consider having an irrigation system installed for your lawn and garden:

1. **SAVE TIME:** There is no need to schedule your day around watering your lawn and moving around those pesky hoses. Put your feet up and enjoy the convenience of an irrigation system!
2. **SAVE WATER:** Your home irrigation system will water only those areas that need the watering (We doubt your driveway is thirsty), and is timed to water at the best time of day for absorption.
3. **SAVE MONEY:** Increased efficiency of water placement and timing is a money-saving quality of a home irrigation system. Use less water for quality results!
4. **HEALTHY LAWN:** No more brown spots! Your home irrigation system will cover every inch of vegetation to make sure your lawn is rich and green.

Our highly trained professionals will come to your home for a free estimate and tell you about all the benefits of a home irrigation system. Upon installation, our technicians will walk you through some simple steps for operating the system. After installation, Bishop Plumbing also offers winterization, spring start-up, yearly certification of backflow preventer, and repair services.

At Bishop Plumbing, we only use the best products for your high quality needs. Our home irrigation systems utilize products made by Rain Bird, the leading manufacturer and provider of irrigation products, who are also committed to high quality and responsible partnerships. Bishop Plumbing is proud to use Rain Bird products for all your home irrigation needs.



## Children's Corner:

# FUN SPRING ACTIVITIES

**A**fter months of cold weather and snow on the ground, it's finally time to get outside and enjoy the spring weather. Get the kids outside to enjoy the fresh air. Here are a couple of our favorite spring activities:

**BOTANIC GARDENS:** The Chicago Botanic Gardens are located in the Northern suburbs in Glencoe. Visit the Japanese garden on an island or see what they are growing in their vegetable garden. The colors are beautiful.

**LINCOLN PARK ZOO:** Your kids are not the only ones wanting to get outside after a cold winter. Visit the animals at the Lincoln Park Zoo and see them basking in the sun. And it's free!



Spring is here and  
Summer is around the corner

## HUNGER FACTS: DID YOU KNOW...?

- Nationwide, an estimated 25 million people depend on food and grocery assistance provided by network food banks and food rescue organizations.
- Close to 500,000 people each year rely on emergency and supplemental food provided by the Food Depository and its member network of almost 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters.
- Growing numbers of Cook County residents are relying on agencies for stop-gap food assistance.
- Working poor families, parents of young children and elderly are among those who need Food Depository assistance to help make ends meet.
- 22% of clients surveyed live in the suburbs.
- 25% of households surveyed have at least one family member in poor health.
- 39% of the households who receive food from the Food Depository include at least one employed adult.
- 10% of study respondents were 65 and older.
- 9% of clients are homeless.
- 41% of clients said they had to choose between paying for food and utilities or heating fuel.
- 31% reported choosing between paying for food and rent or mortgage.
- 26% of clients said they had to choose between food and paying for medicine or health care.
- 2% of clients with children said their children skipped meals during the previous year.
- 26% of adult clients said they didn't eat for an entire day at least once during last year.
- 81% of households reported a situation during the last year where the food they bought "just didn't last and they didn't have money to get more".

The above statistics were taken from [The National Hunger Study: Chicago Profile](#) conducted by Greater Chicago Food Depository in conjunction with America's Second Harvest.

To learn more about hunger at the national level, visit our website at [www.BishopPlumbing.com/warmhands](http://www.BishopPlumbing.com/warmhands).

# Spring Recipe: Fruit on a Cloud

## INGREDIENTS

- \* Pillsbury sugar cookie dough
- \* Fruit of your choosing...such as:
  - raspberries
  - blueberries
  - blackberries
  - strawberries
  - kiwi

## FROSTING:

- \* 8 oz. package cream cheese
- \* 1-2 cups confectioners sugar

1. First, spread the refrigerated sugar cookie roll on a round tin. A pizza pan works well or an aluminum pan. Bake til almost golden...15 min give or take.

2. While the cookie dough is cooking, make the frosting by mixing the cream cheese and confectioners sugar together until fluffy.

3. When the cookie is COOLED, spread with the frosting and then arrange the fruit on top..nothing too juicy (wipe it all with paper towels after rinsing).

One should easily serve 8-12 people. Be creative with designing the fruit on top and turn it into a fun art project!

# Improve Your Memory with Sudoku!

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## Need A Tree Service Company?

### *Bishop Plumbing Recommends DM Tree Service of Mt. Prospect*

When Bishop Plumbing needed a tree to be removed, we called DM Tree Service of Mount Prospect and were impressed by their professionalism and quality service.

“They did an excellent job removing a HUGE tree on our property,” said Kristina Curran. I watched them in awe most of the day. I never realized how dangerous their job really is!”



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## Over 100 Turkey Dinners Donated

Over the past year, Bishop Plumbing has made it a priority to give back to the community. Last winter, Bishop Plumbing donated over 50 turkey dinners - including a turkey and all of the necessary food items needed to make a traditional turkey feast - to the Self Help Closet & Food Pantry of Des Plaines. In addition to the donations to the food pantry, Bishop Plumbing also donated turkey dinners to over 50 individual homes in the Des Plaines area.

Become active in your community too by learning about the needs of the area and how your family or company can get involved.



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Take advantage of being a current Bishop Plumbing family member:

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## Meet Our Estimator Ron Page

Ron Page has been working with our staff at Bishop Plumbing for the past two years as the Estimator.

Ron is genuinely a nice guy and its very rare to see Ron in a bad mood," said Kristina Curran. "He greets everyone he comes in contact with and is never at a loss for words! Ron has a great family and I am glad that he has become a part of the Bishop Plumbing family."

During these spring and summer months, Ron is excited to enjoy the outdoors with his wife and four children.

When asked about his favorite memory with Bishop Plumbing, Ron immediately thought of last year's Christmas Party. "I really enjoyed myself at last year's Christmas Party and realized how fortunate I am to be a part of such a professional and family-type of workplace that Bob Melko has created and continues to foster," said Ron.



Being the estimator for Bishop Plumbing, Ron enjoys the variety of challenges that the career poses on a day-to-day basis and the personal pride and satisfaction that comes from meeting those challenges.

Ron's Plumbing Tip: "Treat each customer as if they were family and their home or business as if it was your own and you'll always find someone who will want your services."

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