

Homeowner's News

SPRING / SUMMER 2010

!HUGE SAVING! (Short Time Frame)

Replace your central air conditioning system April 16-25, 2010 and receive a tax rebate from the State of Texas for up to \$1,675. Additional IRS tax credits up to \$1,500 and CPS rebates all still apply.

The Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) rebate applies only during April 16-25, 2010. In addition the funds are limited so a reservation prior to installation is virtually required and it still may not guarantee the rebate.

This is an opportunity to pile up to 3 rebate/tax credits together. It's kinda like the planets aligning. It has never happened before and who knows if it will happen again. If you are even considering replacements of your heater/air conditioner, call now for a free consultation and estimate. Don't put it off because it takes a lot of pre-planning to qualify for the rebates.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by all, call Liz at 227-8358 to book an appointment today.

"FIX-A-LEAK WEEK"

Drip, Drip, Drip. You know the sound. The sound of water and money literally going down the drain.

Water is precious (1% of all the water on the earth can be used by people, the rest is salt water or permanently frozen and we can't drink it, wash with it or use it to irrigate plants.) Because water is precious and it is harder to find new supplies especially for us in the southwest, it is expensive and getting more so. So, in an effort to bring attention to the problem the US Environmental Protection Agency created "Fix-A-Leak Week."

Shafer Services will be participating by encouraging you to repair any water leak you may have, at home or your business. We will be offering a \$50 discount on ANY water leak repair during "Fix-A-Leak Week," March 15-21, 2010.

In one year, a dripping faucet can waste more than 3,000 gallons. A yard leak can be much more than that. The biggest water waster of all may be the running toilet. It can leak as much as 200 gallons a day!

Take advantage of our offer, save money and fix that leak. In addition if the faucets or toilets need replacement, ask about replacement with water conserving fixtures. Also you may want to visit <http://epa.gov/watersense/> for more information.



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PLUMBING SPECIAL:

Get a Free "LEAKS CAN BE EXPENSIVE WATER AUDIT." To receive this special pricing, you must mention this newsletter promotion at time of scheduling. Not valid with any other offers.

Offer expires June 19, 2010.

HEATING & COOLING SPECIAL:

Replace your thermostat with a wireless model and place it anywhere you like! Save \$55. To receive this special pricing, you must mention this newsletter promotion at time of scheduling. Not valid with any other offers.

Offer expires May 31, 2010.

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PROSCIUTTO WRAPPED SCALLOPS WITH SPINACH



INGREDIENTS:

- 12 large sea scallops
- ¼ tsp lemon pepper
- 1 ¼ oz very thinly sliced prosciutto (about 3 slices cut into 12 long strips)
- 3 tbs olive oil
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 1 tbs lemon juice
- ¼ tsp salt
- Pepper to taste
- 12 oz baby spinach

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place rack in upper third of oven: preheat broiler. Coat a large baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. Pat scallops dry and sprinkle both sides with lemon pepper. Wrap 1 piece of prosciutto around each scallop. Thread 3 scallops crosswise onto each skewer (securing prosciutto to the scallop) and place on the prepared baking sheet. Broil until just cooked through, about 6 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, whisk oil, lemon zest, lemon juice, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Reserve 1 tablespoon vinaigrette in a small bowl.
4. Place spinach in a colander and rinse under cold water. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. When hot, add handfuls of spinach (with water still clinging to it) to the pan and cook, stirring until just wilted, 2-3 minutes. Drain the spinach and add to the medium bowl, toss with vinaigrette. Divide spinach among 4 plates and top each portion with 3 scallops. Drizzle scallops with the reserved vinaigrette.

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JIMMY'S MESSAGE

Stimulus, Stimulus, Stimulus...love it or hate it, it is here and available. If you don't use it someone else will. That is the way the system is designed. So replace the water heater or air conditioner with a qualifying model and you can save plenty in rebates, tax credits and utility costs.

Who knows what the future brings. Higher energy costs, higher taxes, higher everything costs (inflation). What I do know is all of these rebates and tax credits are unprecedented and probably will not pass this way again. CPS just announced an energy rate increase and said to expect another for the next 4 years straight!

Hot weather is around the corner so make sure your existing air conditioner is operating at its peak efficiency. Call to get an appointment today to have it checked out.

If you are tired of living with hot or cold rooms, ask about a zone system for your air conditioning system. If you are tired of waiting for hot water to arrive. Call to ask about a simple fix to that (and get a rebate from SAWS.) If you're tired of the word "stimulus", sorry, I can't help you with that.

Enjoy the warm weather!

Best Regards,

CUSTOMER OF THE MONTH WINNERS

JANUARY 2010 | George Fahey | Dinner for 2 at la Fonda

DECEMBER 2009 | Linda Patton | Dinner for 2 at La Fonda and Movies for 2

NOVEMBER 2009 | Amy Clark | Dinner for 2 at La Fonda and Movies for 2

OCTOBER 2009 | Robert Ylagan | Dinner for 2 at La Fonda

SEPTEMBER 2009 | Luis Navarro | Dinner for 2 at La Fonda

FUTURE FAMILY PACKAGES:

MARCH | NIOSA

APRIL | Schlitterbahn or Valero Texas Open

MAY | Texas Folklife Festival

JUNE | Splashtown

JULY | Sea World or Six Flags Fiesta Texas

AUGUST | Magik Children's Theater

WE'RE YOUR DRAIN CLEANING SPECIALIST!

5 Quick (but Draining) Questions

1. Are you having problems with your sewer drain lines backing up or draining slow?
2. Is the drain problem with all drains?
3. Is waste water backing up into your bathtub or shower?
4. Do you have an outside clean out, which is a 3" to 4" round pipe in the yard typically located within 3' from your house where your sewer line exits the foundation?
5. Have you had problems with your sewer drain lines backing up in the past?

If you answer "Yes" to any of these conditions, Shafer Services can HELP!

We will come out to your house and unstop the line. If it is your main line, the section of line from your house to the property line, and you have an outside clean out, we will come out, unstop the line and inspect the line with a camera for only \$99.00.

Individual drain lines within the foundation of your house can be cleaned out at normal fees.

ATTENTION ELECTRIC WATER HEATER USERS!

(If you have a gas water heater your lucky and don't need to worry about this.)

There is now a new very efficient option to the tank type electric heater water heater. It works on the same principle as an air conditioner heat pump. It is over twice as efficient as a standard electric water heater, plus it qualifies for IRS tax credit up to \$1,500. Call Charlie at 227-8358 today for information or ask one of our Technicians. We'll be glad to answer all of your questions.

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5 SOLUTIONS FOR NATURAL FLEA CONTROL

With a scratch, scratch here and a scratch, scratch there... Warm weather is returning and with it come the fleas. Those nasty little buggers could drive a dog to drink but pumping their blood full of prescription medication (aka harsh chemicals) or using harsh soaps and sprays hardly seems like a pet lover's answer. Below are some all-natural solutions that will have your dog itch-free in no time.



1. **Rosemary Flea Dip:** Steep two cups of fresh rosemary in boiling water for 30 minutes. Strain the liquid, discard the leaves and add up to a gallon of warm water depending on the size of your dog. Wait until it cools but is still warm and pour over your dog until he's soaked. Allow your dog to dry naturally. Works especially well on hot summer days.
2. **Lavender Essential Oil:** Wash your dog thoroughly and towel dry. Apply a few drops of lavender essential oil to the base of the tail and another at the neck.
3. **Brewer's Yeast:** Add a small Brewer's yeast tablets to your dog's food. Much like prescription meds (but much healthier), this is excreted through Fido's skin making him less attractive to fleas. Check with your veterinarian for the proper dosages depending on weight.
4. **Apple Cider Vinegar:** A spoonful of this stuff added to your dog's water makes their skin more acidic and not-at-all tasty to fleas. If apple cider vinegar is not your dog's cup of tea, you can dilute it 50/50 with water, pour into a spray bottle and use as a repellent.
5. **Lemon Spray Repellent:** Cut a lemon into quarters, cover with boiling water and let it steep overnight. In the morning, spray all over your dog, especially behind the ears and around the head generally (be careful of his eyes), around the base of the tail, and under your dog's legs.

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