National Day CORNER

Homemade Bubble Solution

Get Ready for International Bubble Blowing Day May 6th. Mix up this bubble solution for backyard fun with kids.

Ingredients
4 c. warm water
1 c. Dawn Dish Soap
2-3 Tbsp. glycerin

Instructions
Stir all ingredients together gently. If your dish soap has "Ultra" in the name, double the amount of glycerin. If you have well water or water with high levels of iron, distilled water is best. Allow the solution to 'marinate' for at least 24 hours before using.

Blow bubbles with old bubble wands or cut a hole in the bottom of a plastic water jug and blow through the top. **Scan code for a DIY giant bubble wand project.**

Bubble Fun Fact: Alan McKay of Wellington, New Zealand created the longest free floating soap bubble on record at 105 feet long. He made it using a bubble wand, dish soap, glycerin and water on August 9, 1996. Source: Guiness World Records

Great Gift Ideas For Any Mom

Mother's Day is coming up May 14th, and it's never too early to start thinking of the perfect gift(s) for the special "Mom" in your life. Here are a few simple gift ideas to get your wheels turning.

Solo Time – Whether it is time alone at home while someone takes the kids out for the day or a night alone at a nice hotel where she can take a quiet bath and enjoy uninterrupted sleep, this is by far the best gift for moms with young kids.

Words of Love – A handwritten letter or card can melt her heart and a video is something she can watch over and over on those hard days. Bonus points for listing your favorite memories, ways she has made an impact on your life, and for saying what a great mom she is! For younger kids, cute crafts or asking them questions about Mom and writing down or recording their answers are great ideas.

A Kitchen-Free Day – Tell her the kitchen is off limits for her and anything she needs can be requested and will be brought to her. This means someone else fixing meals (homemade or from a restaurant). And she isn't allowed washing dishes! (Don't leave her with a full sink the next day either.)

Pampering – Schedule and pay for either a full spa day or just a massage, facial, or pedicure. Even better, make plans so her best friend, mom, sister, daughter, etc. go along too.

Quality Time – Most mothers of older children (especially if they have moved out) would love time *with* their kids. Plan a day with her such as going on a walk, playing a board/card game, going out to eat, sitting together outside — anything, as long as you're together!

The Gift of Clean – Whether you hire a professional cleaner or have older kids simply clean their rooms, a clean house is a great gift. Do a couple of loads of laundry (and actually put it away). Do the dishes or load/unload the dishwasher. Wash and vacuum her car.

Sleep – Let Mom sleep in and/or give her quiet time during the day to take a nap. If she has an infant, take over the night feeding and let her sleep.

Skilled Help – Whether you're handy or you know someone who is, provide or hire a few hours of a helping hand around the house to do fix-it projects or anything else your mom may need. **Scan code to find a local handyman.**
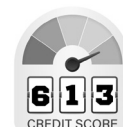
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We helped **Jeff** refinance an investment property in 2021, reducing his rate, term and monthly payment. He referred his friend and co-worker **Caleb** to us and we helped him purchase a home last month. We had him clear to close in 15 business days! Caleb used gift money from two relatives for a down payment, which was no problem with proper documentation.

✓ Family & Friends
✓ Co-workers
✓ Neighbors
✓ Teachers & Coaches
✓ Hair/Nail Stylist
✓ People at the dog park
✓ Golfers at the course
✓ Anyone at the baseball field

Who do you know looking to refinance or buy a home quickly and stress-free?

Please save my info in your phone and send it to anyone that I can help!

Take Another Look at an Approval!

Medical debts **under $500** will <u>no longer</u> report to credit agencies as collections. If you know someone who has had medical collections holding them back from owning a home, please have them reach out—they may now have a higher score!

REAL Customer Example:

▶ John's credit was pulled 3/3/23
  • His Credit Score **was 591**

591 CREDIT SCORE

  • John has 14 medical collections under $500

▶ John's credit was re-pulled 3/31/23 after the medical collections credit reporting change

613 CREDIT SCORE

  • John's Credit Score is **now 613!**
  • His Credit Score went up **22 points** and he is eligible for an FHA home loan now!

Who needs credit score help? Please pass along my info.

April Words Jumble

Unscramble the letters to find words related to the month of April. Email or text a pic of your answers to me by 5/1/23 and we'll enter you in a drawing for a $50 gift card of your choice!

Win $50!

1. WOSEHRS _____
2. RAEEST _____
3. AAEOKKR _____
4. NGRNGAEID _____
5. YLJLE NESAB _____
6. EANRTU _____
7. NVSINAOCTORE _____
8. BEULAMRL _____
9. DESUPLD _____
10. LNOSIDNAED _____

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Many of you caught our mistake, we had an extra "K" for Basketball in the March Jumble, oopsie!

APRIL FOOLS

Congrats! Swasatriti was our March Jumble Winner.
March Words: Shamrock, Leprechaun, Spring, Daylight, Basketball, Madness, Sunshine, Rainbow, Lucky, Showers.

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