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# REAL ESTATE, RATES AND RECIPES

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*Service With an Old-Fashioned Touch*

## SOME TIPS ON HOUSEHOLD WATER CONSERVATION

*Now is the time to establish some basic water conservation measures to help save water and reduce your water bill! The hot dry days of summer will soon be here and a drought can occur unexpectedly. Here are some basic water-saving tips:*

**Don't let faucets run continuously.** Letting the water run when shaving, brushing teeth or rinsing the dishes is common practice, but an open faucet can allow 5 gallons to pass in as little as 2 minutes.

**Use water-saving showerheads and faucets.** High-flow showerheads can provide a water flow of 5 or more gallons a minute. Flow restriction devices can cut flow in half or more without reducing the water pressure.

**Water your lawn and plants either early or late in the day.** This practice will reduce the loss of water due to evaporation. During the summer, water your

plants slowly and infrequently. Consider drip irrigation for garden areas to add water just where it is needed.

**Check for drips and leaks.** A dripping faucet can allow up to two gallons per hour to be wasted. Toilets are also prime suspects. To check, simply drop some food coloring into the tank (not the bowl) and wait 15 minutes before flushing. If colored water shows up in the bowl, you have a leak from the tank to the bowl.

**Replace your old toilet.** If your home was built before 1992 and the toilet has never been replaced, then it is very likely that you do not have a water-efficient 1.6 gallon per flush toilet. Lift the tank lid and check the manufacturer stamp indicating make, model and date of manufacture. Old toilets are the largest water users in many homes, typically using 3 or more gallons per flush.

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Average Mortgage Rates (Source: FHLMC "Freddie Mac" www.freddiemac.com)				
Apr 17, 2008	30-yr	15-yr	5/1-yr ARM	1-yr ARM
Average Rates:	5.88%	5.40%	5.48%	5.10%
Fees & Points:	.4	.5	.6	.6

### AND BY THE WAY...

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### No-Bake Brownies

- 2 cup mini marshmallows
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups chocolate morsels
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 3 cup fine vanilla wafer crumbs
- 2 tsp evaporated milk

Put chocolate morsels and 1 cup milk into a heavy 1-quart saucepan. Stir over low heat until chocolate melts. Remove from heat.

Mix well in a 3-quart bowl the vanilla wafer crumbs, marshmallows, pecans, powdered sugar and salt. Reserve 1/2 cup chocolate mixture for glaze. Stir rest into crumb mixture. Mix well. Press into greased 9-inch square pan.

Stir 2 tsp. milk into reserved 1/2 cup chocolate mixture and spread evenly over mixture in pan. Chill until glaze is set.

Cut into 36 squares.

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