



WARRANTY WISDOM

A homeowner's insurance policy and a home service agreement are similar as they are both renewable, where allowed by law. However, homeowner's insurance protects against catastrophes such as fire, wind and storm damage. The **HomeTrust Warranty®** home service agreement differs in that it covers many systems and appliances for breakdowns due to normal wear and tear.

ON THE MOVE

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DRESS UP THE FRONT OF YOUR HOME

Paint Your Front Door

Your home's front door is one of the most eye-grabbing features of your home. It gets grubby from hand prints and constant exposure to the elements. Why not give it a fresh coat of paint?

For a truly professional look, take it off the hinges, sand it smooth, and then spray it with primer and paint. Otherwise, give it a good cleaning first. Then chip any spots that are losing their grip and spot prime. Give it a fresh coat of paint and you're good to go.

Dress up Your Front Steps

Your front steps lead to your front door, which is the focal point of most homes when visitors first arrive. To further enhance this eye-magnet and to give it a warm and inviting feel, dress it up with a sturdy, solid-looking planter on either side. Which shape should you use? That really depends on the configuration of your home.



Some two- or three-story homes benefit from tall urn-style planters. This emphasizes the soaring height of your home. Sprawling ranch style homes look more at home with low, rectangular, terracotta planters. Choose flower colors that complement or contrast with the color scheme of your home.

CLUTTER BUSTING SECRETS

Clean Out for a Worthy Cause

Getting rid of things will be easier if you can picture someone else benefiting from them.

Toss-It Tips

- Don't just leave your stuff outside the charity's storefront or in a donation bin, to be ruined by the elements. Deliver it in person, or find out if the organization will arrange a pickup from your home.
- See if there are specific items the charity needs; this will make those things easier to give up.
- Get your kids involved, too, so they can see what it's like to give.



Act Like You're Moving

What would you take with you? Set aside the few things that you love and use and see what's left over

Toss-It Tips

- Envision your home as a prospective buyer might: Uncluttered spaces make the best first impression.
- Imagine the potential buyer (or, worse, a relative) going through your closets or drawers. What would you not want him or her to see?
- Buy containers and baskets only after you've decided what to keep. This way you'll have a much better sense of the kind of storage you need.

Spicy Thai Chicken Kabobs



1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
 1/2 cup lite soy sauce
 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
 1 tablespoon lime zest
 1 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper
 1 1/2 pounds skinned and boned chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces

8 (12-inch) wooden or metal skewers
 1 bunch green onions cut into 2-inch pieces
 1 large red bell pepper cut into 1-inch pieces
 1 large yellow bell pepper cut into 1-inch pieces
 32 fresh snow peas
 16 basil leaves

Whisk together first 5 ingredients and 1/2 cup water in a large shallow dish or zip-top plastic freezer bag; reserve 3/4 cup. Add chicken to dish, turning to coat. Cover or seal and chill 8 hours, turning occasionally.

Soak wooden skewers in water 30 minutes.

Preheat grill to 350° to 400° (medium-high). Remove chicken from marinade, discarding marinade. Thread chicken, onions, and next 4 ingredients alternately onto wooden skewers, leaving 1/4 inch between pieces.

Grill kabobs, covered with grill lid, over 350° to 400° (medium-high) heat 6 to 8 minutes on each side or until done. Remove from grill, and baste with reserved 3/4 cup marinade.



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