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Your Home, Your Journey, My Passion

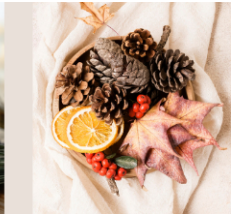


“Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.

~Jim Bishop



FALL SCENTS
CREATE
LASTING
IMPRESSIONS



When you walk into a home, one of the first things you notice isn't always the design or the furniture. It's the way the home smells. A warm and inviting fragrance sets the tone right away and can make people feel at ease before they even look around.

October is a great time to bring the scents of the season into your home. This month is filled with cozy aromas that remind us of cooler evenings, family gatherings, and the comforts of fall. Cinnamon, apple, pumpkin, clove, and vanilla are all classic choices that instantly make a home feel welcoming.

Why It Matters

For sellers, the right fragrance can leave a lasting impression on potential buyers. For buyers, it helps you imagine what life might feel like in a space. And for those who are staying put, creating a warm fall scent is one of the simplest ways to make your home feel extra inviting to family and friends.

Simple Ways to Add October Scents

Simmer pots: Place apple slices, cinnamon sticks, and cloves in a pot of water and let it simmer on the stove. It's a natural way to fill your home with the smell of fall.

Fresh baking: A loaf of pumpkin bread or even a quick batch of cookies adds both comfort and fragrance.

Candles and diffusers: Choose light, natural scents such as vanilla or spiced apple so the smell feels gentle and authentic.

Decor with a purpose: Bowls of cinnamon sticks, dried oranges, or pinecones not only look seasonal but also

give off a subtle fragrance.

A Final Thought

October is a month where home feels especially important. Whether you're getting ready to sell, moving into a new place, or simply enjoying the season where you are, adding a touch of fall fragrance can make your home feel warm and memorable.

Creating the right atmosphere is something I think about every day in real estate. The same way scent can make a house feel welcoming, small details can make a big difference in any move. If you or someone you know is thinking about buying, selling, or investing this fall, I'd be glad to talk through the next steps and help you find the right fit.

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Butternut Squash Pasta with Brown Sage Butter



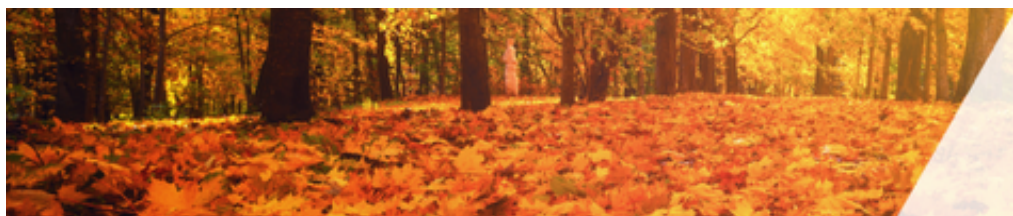
Ingredients

- 12 ounces Dry Pasta (Bucatini, Spaghetti or Linguine)
- 1/2 Cup Unsalted Butter - DIVIDED (1 stick)
- 1 large Butternut Squash - peeled, halved lengthwise, seeds discarded and cut into 1-inch cubes (about 2 pound total or about 4 cups of cubed squash)
- 1/2 tsp EACH: Ground Ginger, Nutmeg & Cumin
- One pinch of Cayenne
- 2 cloves Garlic - smashed and peeled
- 8-12 large Fresh Sage Leaves
- 1 Cup Whole-Milk Ricotta (Optional: Whip ricotta until smooth in a food processor)
- 1/2 Cup Toasted Walnuts - coarsely chopped
- As needed Kosher Salt & Pepper - to taste
- 1/2 Cup Parmesan - freshly grated, plus more for garnish

Directions

1. Cook Pasta: Boil salted water, cook pasta until al dente. Reserve 1 cup cooking water, drain, and let pasta cool slightly.
2. Saut  Squash: Melt 2 tbsp butter in a skillet, add squash with ginger, nutmeg, cumin, cayenne, salt, and pepper. Cook until browned and tender (12 -15 min). Transfer to a plate.
3. Brown Butter & Sage: In the same skillet, melt remaining butter with smashed garlic. Cook until butter browns (about 2 min). Fry sage leaves until crisp, then remove. Discard garlic, keep butter in pan.
4. Make Sauce: Lower heat, whisk in  cup pasta water. Add pasta, season with salt and pepper, toss with Parmesan until melted. Gently fold in squash, adding more water if dry.
5. Serve: Divide into bowls, top with crispy sage, toasted nuts, extra Parmesan, and ricotta if desired.

No Spoon Necessary



*Embracing Autumn at
Home and in the
Outdoors*

As the air turns crisp and the season shifts, fall invites us to slow down and appreciate the little things that

For those who enjoy a little thrill, fall also brings creative and playful adventures. Haunted houses,

make a home and community feel special. There is a natural rhythm to autumn that encourages both activity and reflection, whether you are exploring outside or enjoying cozy moments at home.

One of the best ways to experience the season is by spending time outdoors. A walk through a local park, exploring your neighborhood, or a weekend trip to nearby natural areas can help you appreciate the calm and energy that fall brings. The cooler weather makes these outings more enjoyable, and simply being outside allows you to take in the sights, sounds, and smells of the season.

Spending time outdoors often leads naturally to seasonal experiences and community events. Fall is harvest season, and festivals, pumpkin patches, and corn mazes offer opportunities to celebrate the bounty of the season. Local farmers' markets, craft fairs, and apple tastings provide ways to engage with neighbors while enjoying seasonal flavors. These activities turn ordinary weekends into memorable autumn experiences, blending exploration with connection.

spooky tours, and Halloween-themed events add energy and excitement, while decorated neighborhoods can transform a simple stroll into an immersive experience. These seasonal touches encourage curiosity and participation, making communities feel lively and inviting.

Even as the days grow shorter and outdoor activities wind down, fall encourages cozy indoor moments that balance the season. Enjoying a warm beverage from a local coffee shop, reading by the fire, or visiting indoor markets and craft fairs offers comfort and reflection. These quieter moments complement outdoor adventures, creating a full seasonal experience that appeals to every lifestyle.

A Final Thought

Autumn is a season that blends activity, comfort, and community. Whether you are new to an area, revisiting favorite spots, or exploring local traditions, there is always something to discover. As a real estate agent, I enjoy helping clients not only find the right home but also experience everything a community has to offer. If you are buying, selling, or simply looking for ideas to enjoy the season, I am happy to share local insights and favorite spots that make autumn feel truly special.

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