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# Between FRIENDS

**S**pring is in the air! Call me today and find out why NOW is the perfect time to buy or sell a home!



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## Health & Safety

### Spring Clean Your Stress Away

**W**e've all been there before, stressed out from clutter and not enough time to get organized. However, spring cleaning offers many benefits that can prove to be "cleansing" in more ways than one.



It may sound silly, but a mindful approach to cleaning can provide a sense of fulfillment. Try it next time you wash the dishes: take a moment to admire the dishware, smell the dish soap, and appreciate the modern luxury of your dishwasher. You might even experience feelings of peace and gratitude!

If the mindful cleaning method is a bit too relaxing, try turning up the music and make it a party! Music has stress-reducing qualities that will have you whistling while you work—and finished before you know it.

Maximize your time by making the cleaning session your workout for the day. From scrubbing floors and windows to sweeping, vacuuming, and dusting, you'll burn calories, get the endorphins flowing, and it'll leave you feeling energized and accomplished when you're done!

## Helpful Hints

### Upgrade Your Wardrobe this Season

**S**omething wonderful happens when the seasons change. The weather is warmer, flowers are blooming, and birds are undoubtedly chirping. Now that the bitter cold of winter is behind us, it's time to punch up your wardrobe with some fresh hints of spring.

**Material World** – Swap out your winter fabrics like wool and flannel for more breathable ones, such as cotton and linen. You'll not only feel cooler, but you'll look the part as well.

**Lighten Up** – Spring doesn't mean you have to wear the brightest colors. Lighter shades can similarly illuminate your wardrobe. Replace dark denim with lighter washes and choose softer neutral tones to upgrade your look for the season.

**Layer Down** – Layering is a great way to prepare for unpredictable weather. Besides helping you dress appropriately for any condition, layering can work wonders for transitioning from the office to a night out!

**Fashion Scents** – The change of the season is the perfect time to switch up your fragrances. Spring is ideal for trying out some new citrus or floral scents.



**¾ cup citrus marmalade**

**2 ¼ Tbsp. mustard,  
stone-ground or Dijon**

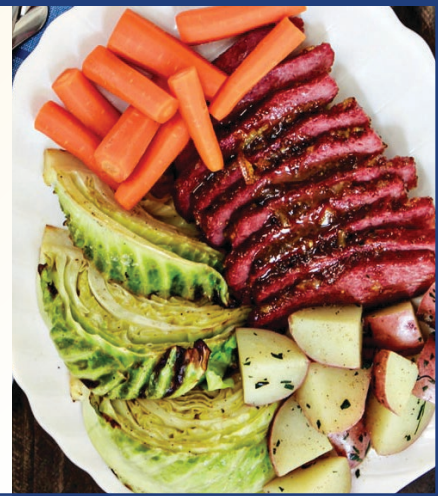
**1 3-lb. corned beef brisket,  
fully cooked**

In a small bowl, combine marmalade and mustard until mixed.

Coat the fully cooked brisket with half the marmalade and mustard mixture, then place on lightly greased baking sheet.

Bake at 425°F until golden brown (about 30 to 35 minutes), basting with remaining mixture every 7 to 10 minutes.

Serve corned beef with cooked cabbage and potatoes.



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## Household Tips

### Spring Cleaning Mishaps to Avoid

**S**pring is in the air, and so are seasonal allergens. While this is a great time to tidy your home, steer clear of these spring cleaning mistakes and keep your home sparkling!

**Failure to plan:** Focus on getting the gritty tasks, like cleaning the bathroom and kitchen, out of the way first. You'll feel motivated checking them off your list.

**Not using the right tools:** Take these cues from the pros. Microfiber cloths remove dust better than standard cloths. Extension wands and vacuum attachments work wonders for ceilings, tight spaces, and upholstery while reducing risk of injury from over-stretching or standing on a wobbly chair.

**Neglecting grimy trouble spots:** No one likes these chores, but they have to be done! Wipe both sides of your window blinds with microfiber. Dust the cobwebs from ceiling corners, air vents, and lampshades. Slip an old pillowcase over ceiling fan blades and gently pull back, keeping the dust inside the pillowcase and not in the air.

**Waiting for spring to clean:** Incorporating these tips into your weekly routine will reduce the amount of housework you'll have when the seasons change.

