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Preparing your car for winter

Wiper blades should be replaced every six months. Windshield washer fluid should be full and should have a low freezing point. Tires should be inspected for wear and should be properly inflated according to manufacturer recommendations.

Engine - Your motor, vehicle's oil filter should be changed every 3,000 miles or three months-whichever comes first. The air filter should be inspected, too, and replaced as needed. Fuel filters should be checked for clogs or leaks. A thorough inspection of the ignition system should include spark plugs and wires, distributor, emission system components and the fuel-injection system. If necessary, have an auto technician tune the engine.

Battery - Have the battery load tested for weakness. Be sure all contacts are clean and cables are secure.

Cooling System - Check the level and freezing point of your vehicle's radiator fluid. The freezing point should test to at least 35 degrees below zero. If necessary, add a 50/50 mixture of antifreeze and water (the

water reduces the corrosive nature of antifreeze). Check all hoses; they should not be excessively soft or brittle. The cooling system should be flushed every other year.

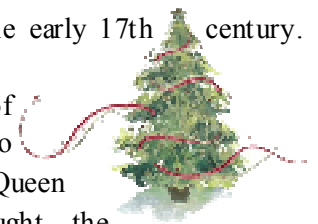
Braking System - Check the brake fluid level. If your car's brakes squeal or pull the vehicle to one side when applied, or if the pedals feel soft when pumped, have the brake system inspected.

Transmission - Check the transmission fluid level of your vehicle. Add fluid and change the filter if necessary. On rear-wheel drive cars, check the level of fluid in the differential.

History of the Christmas Tree

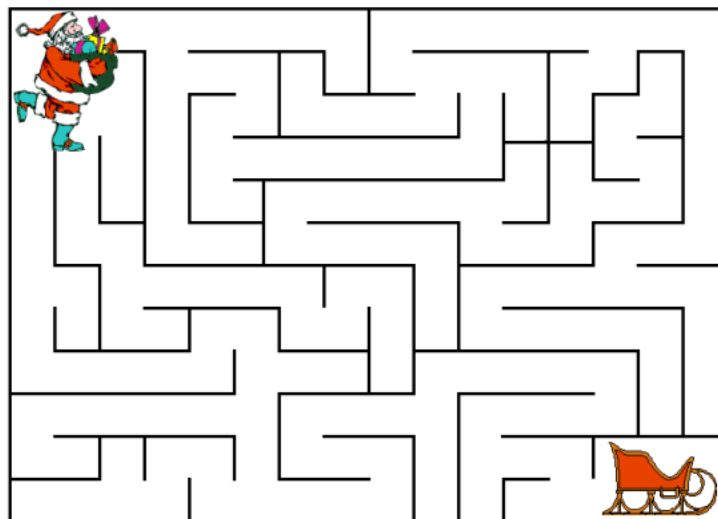
Each year more than 30 million Christmas trees are lovingly decorated for that one special day. The tradition dates back thousands of years, when Romans, Greeks and Egyptians would bring evergreens into the home during winter. Early trees were small enough to be placed on a table. The modern Christmas tree was first seen in Germany in the early 17th century.

Prince Albert of Germany, who later married Queen Victoria, brought the



Christmas-tree tradition of his homeland to England's royal family in 1847. The following year, the tradition spread to parlors throughout England. Christmas trees spread to America a couple of years later, and just 40 years after that, the first artificial trees hit the market.

Help Santa Claus find his sleigh.



The IRS says it's a scam and you're the target

The warning says some taxpayers have received emails that indicate the taxpayer is under audit, and needs to complete a questionnaire within 48 hours to avoid penalties and interest.

And that the taxpayer is asked for vital information, like social security and bank account numbers. And something is mentioned about a so-called "e-audit," or electronic audit. But IRS officials say they don't do e-audits.

In fact, they believe this whole thing began as a joke on an entertainment website. So, as far as they can tell, there is no scam and there's no longer a questionnaire, either.

So ignore the warning, hit delete, and find something better to do with your time.

Are you still confused? Let's make this clear: The IRS says there is no e-audit. There is no questionnaire, at least not anymore. And they think this whole thing started as a joke. So, forget about it. Don't worry about the warning about the scam that doesn't exist. And don't ever give anyone any personal or financial information over the internet or over the phone, unless you know exactly who you're dealing with.



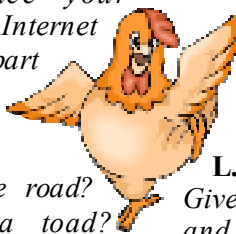
Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?

Bill Gates' Answer

I have just released e-Chicken XP, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your checkbook. Of course, Internet Explorer is an inextricable part of e-Chicken XP.

Dr. Seuss' Answer

*Did the chicken cross the road?
Did he cross it with a toad?
Yes, the chicken crossed the road,
But why it crossed, I've not been told!*



Your Grandpa's Answer

The chicken probably had to walk up hill, both ways, through a blizzard to get to the other side. It doesn't matter though, in my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Someone told us that the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough for us.

Captain Kirk's Answer

To boldly go where no chicken has gone before.

Barbara Walters' Answer

Isn't that interesting? In a few moments we will be listening to the chicken tell, for the first time, the heart-warming story of how it experienced a serious case of molting and went on to accomplish its life-long dream of crossing the road.

Jerry Seinfeld's Answer

Why doesn't anyone ever think to ask, "What the heck was this chicken

doing walking around all over the place anyway?" I mean, common people.

Albert Einstein's Answer

Did the chicken really cross the road or did the road move beneath the chicken?

Sigmund Freud's Answer

The fact that you are at all concerned that the chicken crossed the road reveals your underlying sexual insecurity.

L.A.P.D.'s Answer

Give us ten minutes with the chicken and we'll find out.



Help the Homeless

Don't give money hand-outs. Instead purchase food items yourself, refer the person to an agency that can provide food, shelter, and other assistance.

Donate food to your local agency. Food is usually in short supply at rescue missions, shelters, and other social service agencies.

Donate clothes such as jackets, sweatshirts, new underwear, socks, shoes, knit hats and gloves which are needed for men and women.

Homeless children dream of new toys such as dolls, trucks, and games. These donations may be the only gifts they receive for a birthday or Christmas.

Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrushes, combs, and shaving lotions are always welcome. The holiday season, especially, sparks an urge in many Americans to help the homeless.

Last year, rescue missions provided more than 33 million meals, 12 million nights of lodging, and 24 million pieces of clothing to homeless men, women, and children. Rescue missions are faith-based, private organizations that provide job training, education, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs.

Bring to Spirit of the Holidays to someone who needs help, call your local rescue mission today and see what you can do!

Call us for more information on these and other currently listed homes in your area!

ADDRESS	BED/BATH	SQ. FT.	LISTED PRICE
1461 London Street	2-3/1	1437	\$ 164,900
9671 Iris Meadow Way	3-4/2	1714	\$ 219,900
8968 Mooney Road	3-6/3	2156	\$ 360,000
2331 Babson Drive	5/3	2610	\$ 288,000
930 Arcade Blvd.	3/1	1183	\$ 45,000
7517 Lindale Drive	4/3	1735	\$ 122,000
34 Greenway Circle	5/3	2545	\$ 282,000