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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer among women. It can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, or race. About 1 in 8 women born in the United States will get breast cancer at some point in their lives.

Many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. You can help to prevent cancer by having a [mammogram](#) and a clinical breast exam every year after the age of forty.

The [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) offers an [online search for mammography facilities](#), so you can easily find the one nearest you.

You can also join the fight against breast cancer by signing up to be a part of a [Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event](#). You can walk, join a team, or financially support an individual or existing team.

Source: [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)



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Fall Yard Chores

Now is the perfect time to get your yard and home ready for old man winter.

"[This Old House](#)" recommends the following winter preparations:

1. Clean up leaves, but don't worry if you missed some. Leaves insulate and provide nutrients to plants during winter months;
2. Fertilize early in November with a high phosphorous mixture;
3. Prune perennials;
4. Get your snow blower up and running; and
5. Drain and store hoses.



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Fake FTC refunds

Scammers are now posing as Federal Trade Commission (FTC) employees and placing robocalls to consumers. Scammers provide a phony "seizure ID Number" for consumers to enter at a fake FTC website. Once there, users are prompted to enter personal and sensitive information.

Consumers have been tricked into taking these calls because the scammers have "[spoofed](#)" the FTC's consumer help line so that the FTC telephone number appears on the Caller IDs.

The FTC recommends remembering the following information, if you think you might receive a refund from a FTC case:

1. The FTC doesn't use robocalls;
2. The FTC doesn't ask consumers for personal information or to send money; and
3. Be skeptical even if the Caller ID provides the name of an organization you know or trust.

If you've been targeted by someone pretending to be with the FTC, file a complaint at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can also [file a complaint with the Department of Attorney General](#).

For more information on this scam, please visit the [FTC's Consumer Information website](#).