

Reader Recipes

Corn Pudding

1 can of corn
2 eggs, slightly beaten
2 tbsp flour
2 tbsp sugar
1 cup milk
Salt
Pepper

3/4 stick butter, melted
Mix all the ingredients together. Pour into a buttered casserole dish (use the remaining 1/4 stick that you didn't add to the mix). Bake at 300°F for one hour.

Snickers Bar Salad

4 small bananas, cut up
3 apples, unpeeled, cored and chopped
3 Snickers bars, cut into pieces
1 container of Cool Whip

Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate.

Sweet Potato Casserole

4-6 large sweet potatoes
1 cup white sugar
1 cup milk
1/4 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp salt
3 beaten eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 tbsp orange juice
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1 10.5 oz. bag of mini marshmallows

Preheat oven to 350°. Microwave sweet potatoes 5 to 6 min. Wrap potatoes in foil and bake in oven for 1 hour or until soft. In large bowl, mix baked sweet potatoes, sugar, milk, butter and beat until smooth on medium speed. In a separate bowl beat eggs until smooth, then mix in vanilla, orange juice, and cinnamon, nutmeg, salt. Mix egg mixture into potato mixture and beat until smooth. Pour into lightly greased dish and bake at 350° for 30 min. Top with marshmallows and brown in the oven for 10 min.

Tuna Biscuit Dish

2 cans tuna, drained and flaked
1 can Cheddar Cheese soup
1 cup milk
2 tbsp minced onion
1 tube refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

Arrange biscuits in an ungreased 9 by 9-in. pan. Mix the rest of the ingredients together, then pour over the biscuits. Bake at 400° for 25 to 30 min. Biscuits will come to the top and brown. Serves 4.



In set position, red steel arm is held horizontally by a magnet attached to door. When door is opened, magnet is pulled away and arm rotates up.

Alerts Say “You’ve Got Mail”

Lee Egleston can quickly see if he has mail, even though his mailbox is 500 ft. from his house. His homemade mailbox alert does the job and does it better than alert systems on the market.

“I’ve tried an electrical alert and mechanical alerts, too,” says Egleston. “The electrical one was too far from the house, and mechanical ones with tennis ball and flag ends weren’t visual enough. This one has a bright red pointed arm that really shows up. It has withstood 60 to 70 miles per hour winds.”

Egleston’s steel arm rotates 90 degrees. In the set position, the arm is held in a horizontal position by a magnet attached to the door. When the mailbox door is opened, the magnet is pulled away, and the arm rotates to the vertical position. Once the mail has been removed, the arm is lowered back into set position.

The arm pivots on a bearing fashioned from a roller salvaged from a sliding closet door. The roller is clamped to the side of the mailbox. The rotation is accomplished by the placement of a lead weight just past the pivot point of the arm.

“I needed some weight in a form that would fit the arm,” says Egleston. “I had some lead for fishing sinkers that I melted and cast to the half round shape I wanted. Once cast, I drilled a hole in it and bolted it to the end of the arm. It works great, and the only time the arm moves is when the door is opened.”

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Other Nifty Mailbox Alerts

Readers who don’t want to build their own have a wide variety of mailbox alerts to choose from. Some of the most popular, as noted on amazon.com, include wireless electronic as well as mechanical devices.

Mail Chime Mail-120, wireless mail alert system received 4.3 out of 5 stars with more than 1,200 reviews. It offers adjustable volume, audible and visual notification, and works up to 300 ft. away from the home. However, it is not recommended for extra large, heavy-walled mailboxes. It is priced at \$44.95.



The **Smarthome Select 74771** wireless mailbox alert system offers audible and visual alerts in the home. It received 4.5 out of 5 stars with 157 reviews and is priced at \$27.99.

Mailbox Alert from MySpool provides a wireless text message and email notification when the mail arrives. It received 4.5 out of 5 stars with 112 reviews. It claims a 400-ft. range, but requires Wi-Fi. It is priced at \$49.99.



One of the more popular mechanical systems is **Mail Time**, a yellow mailbox alert, signal flag designed for long rural driveways. It received 4.5 stars out of 5 with more than 500 reviews. It is a rustproof aluminum flag powder-coated a bright yellow. It is made in the U.S. and priced at \$15.95.



Another popular mechanical device was the **AVM-01 Automatic Visual Mail Signal** from Miles Kimball. It received 4.6 out of 5 stars with more than 330 reviews. It uses a bright yellow ball that can be seen from several hundred feet away and is priced at \$10.99.

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“High Reach” Basket Waterer

Terry Morgel, Avon, Minn., recently sent FARM SHOW photos of a simple plastic jar waterer he invented. His wife uses it to water her flower baskets that hang 8 ft. off the ground.

“She had been using a step stool or a ladder and watering can, or a garden hose. This waterer is a lot easier and safer to use,” says Morgel.

He started by cutting a 6-ft. length of 1 by 4 pine board in half lengthwise, then cut 2 ft. off the end of each piece. He drilled a pair of 1/4-in. dia. holes 15 and 19 in. from the end of one of the 2-ft. boards. He also drilled a 1/4-in. hole 1 1/4 in. from the end of both 4-ft. boards. The boards are connected together with 1/4-in. bolts with lock nuts, and large flat washers that allow them to pivot. One 4-ft. board remains stationary while the operator moves the other one up or down.

A 3/4 by 3/4 by 8-in. wood piece was screwed to the bottom of the non-moving board so Morgel’s wife can put her fingers between the boards. A length of universal strapping attached to the non-moving board serves as a guide when the other board is slid up.

A 24-oz. plastic peanut jar serves as the water container. A sheet rock screw holds the top down and a cable tie holds the bottom in place.

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Plastic jar waterer makes it easy to water flower baskets that hang 8 ft. off the ground.

“Recap” Your Mason Jars With Flip Lids

You can replace the rusty lids on your Mason jars with these BPA-free plastic recap flip lids. They allow you to easily reuse Mason, Ball, Kerr, Bernardin or other types of jars with standard or wide mouth threads.

The flip lids come in 2 types - wide flips and pour flips. The lids come with a pour spout that opens to a 1-in. dia. opening and closes with the lid. The flip caps also are available with screen accessories that turn your jar into a shaker - small screens for flour, salt and pepper and larger dia. screens for herbs, cheese, and pepper flakes. The airtight seal keeps stored items fresh.

A wide variety of other Mason jar lid options and accessories are available. Available on Amazon and at Walmart. Check out the company website at <https://www.recapmasonjars.com/shop-now>.



Pour spout opens to a 1-in. dia. opening and closes with the lid.