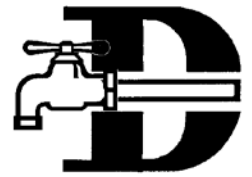


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"YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CONTRACTOR"

GREEN- THE FLUID CONCEPT!

'Green' is the new concept of incorporating positive environmental objectives or attributes in our way of life—for the sake of our future.

We have all started to wake-up to the fact that our self-indulgence is degrading the future of our environment. Global warming and higher prices for the earth's consumables have opened some eyes and caused others to look much harder at how the environment is treated. Green has been around and used in some ways for a long time, but now it is the operative word. Green building includes things like high efficiency heating and cooling systems, building envelopes that are air-tight, materials that come from renewable/sustainable sources, recycling used building products, environmentally friendly products that are healthful, etc. The standards for Green are still evolving as practices and new technology develop and also become cost-effective. Hence the "fluid concept" of Green's definition.

We, at **Dertzbaugh Construction, Inc. (DCI)**, have tried to use Green concepts for over 30 years. **DCI** was using R-38 fiberglass insulation in new construction attics back when R-19 was considered standard. We also were using R13 insulation in 2x4 walls instead of R-11 and we were installing Styrofoam sheathing on exterior walls as well. We later started using 2x6 framed exterior walls with R-19 insulation when most builders stuck with the old minimal code ways. We realized that insulation was a cheap building product that returned the investment in a very short period of time. We have always installed top quality windows and doors with energy efficiencies that are now considered 'Energy Star Rated'. We have always been credited with building a "tight house", but even we don't feel we have gone far enough and are constantly trying to improve our construction practices.

Darren Andrews and I have recently completed a new course sponsored by the National Association of Homebuilders to become **CGPs, Certified Green Professional**. We are the first in this region to obtain this professional designation. This education will help us incorporate some of the latest advances in green building technology in our projects that most customers probably aren't aware of. Not all advances are cost-effective or readily adaptable to the customers' needs or budget, but we are there to give you the choices as informed customers. Some of these newer construction techniques are incorporated in our projects as standard practices that the customer may never really know about. But, with this **CGP** designation, our customers can be assured that **DCI** is there to promote a positive environmental impact for their benefit.

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Mediterranean Turkey Burgers

Ingredients:

1-1/2 pounds lean ground turkey
1 medium size firm Bosc pear, peeled, cored and grated
1 egg – lightly beaten
1 cup panko (Japanese style bread crumbs)
¼ cup fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped
2 cloves garlic – very finely minced
1-1/2 teaspoons fresh sage – finely chopped
1-1/2 teaspoons rosemary leaves – finely chopped
¼ teaspoon ground allspice
1 teaspoon coarse salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Step #1 – Mix together the turkey, pear, egg, panko, garlic, sage, rosemary and allspice in a large bowl until well combined. Add the salt and pepper, or more to taste.

Step #2 – Divide the mixture into 6 equal portions and shape them into patties gently pressing the center of each to create a slight indentation. This will prevent the patty from bulging in the center, so that you end up with a flat evenly cooked burger. Refrigerate the patties until the grill is ready.

Step #3 – Prepare a charcoal fire or a gas grill to medium hot. Wipe the rack with canola oil and lay the burgers on it - indentation side up. Let them cook without pressing down on them until the bottoms are well seared, about 5 – 7 minutes. Flip the burgers and continue grilling until they are completely cooked through (the juices will run clear), another 5- 7 minutes.

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▪ DID YOU KNOW? ▪

Did you know that **Dertzbaugh Construction Inc (DCI)** just won the Frederick County Homebuilders Assoc. awards of excellence for Best Remodeling Addition under \$50,000 for the Brightwell residence entrance and the Best Commercial Remodeling award for the Hilltop/Orthodontics Office at Watersville Rd.?

Did you know that on the staff here at **DCI** we have the following certifications and designations –?

One individual is a **Certified Graduate Remodeler**

Two individuals who are **Certified Green Professionals**

One **Certified Aging in Place Specialist**

One individual who is a **State of Maryland Master Plumber**

Two past presidents of the Professional Remodelers Association

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Did you know that **DCI** has started the construction of a new custom home near Walkersville, which will have Energy Star rated systems and Green Building materials to make it an environmentally friendly new residence? We will keep you updated.

Did you know that **Darren Andrews** with **DCI** has completed the restoration of The Olde Town Restaurant on Main Street? Olde Town suffered major smoke and water damage from the terrible fire that destroyed part of the downtown district last summer. Olde Town is the first business structure restored so far. Please drop in and check out the new facelift!

