



The first time Sarah Norcott's husband made Strawberry Pasta with Sausage was on Sarah's birthday, the first year they spent together.

Sarah was dubious about the idea of putting strawberries in a savory pasta dish.

"It's actually surprisingly good," she said.

The recipe has since become a favorite at their house.

"When strawberries are fresh and in season we make it a lot," Sarah said. "The riper the strawberries

the better because they have more flavor."

They've continued to tweak the recipe to get it just right.

"Over the last 17 years, it's morphed into what it is," Sarah said.

Sarah works as an in-house attorney for NorthWestern Energy. Most of her work focuses on setting rates for electric and natural gas service.

Sarah likes that her job requires a wide range of knowledge. She has to understand finance, accounting, economics and even some engineering.

She also appreciates that she gets to keep the customer front and center in her work.

"I really enjoy what I do and enjoy working for NorthWestern just given the focus on customers," Sarah said.



Strawberry Pasta with Sausage

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 pint strawberries (fresh, flavorful strawberries are key to the dish)
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream*
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, plus more for topping
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic (or more if you like garlic)
- Pinch of crushed red pepper (or more if you like spice)
- 3 links Italian sausage
- 12 ounces Fettuccine pasta

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Cook pasta as directed. Drain and set aside.
- 2 While pasta water is heating, wash and stem strawberries. Then puree strawberries in a blender.
- 3 Melt butter over medium heat in small saucepan. Add pureed strawberries to melted butter. Let simmer over low heat for five minutes. Add heavy cream and simmer for another five minutes.
- 4 Add one cup of cheese, garlic, crushed red peppers and salt and pepper to taste. Stir to combine and let simmer, stirring occasionally as pasta and sausage finish cooking.
- 5 Cut sausage links in half length wise and then cut half-moon pieces. Cook over low to medium heat in fry pan until they reach the desired crispiness.

- 6 Return pasta to pot, add sauce and sausage. Stir to combine and plate. Top with more cheese, if desired.
- *if strawberries are not as flavorful, consider adding a little more cream to taste.

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Plan before you plant

Fall is a great time to plant trees. It allows the roots to get established before winter sets in. Then the tree is ready to adjust to extreme heat or drought in the summer.

However, keep these important safety reminders in mind:

- Know where overhead power lines are located and plant at least 15 to 20 feet away. Trees that grow taller than 40 feet should be planted more than 35 feet away.
- Call 811 at least two business days before you dig to have underground utilities marked.
- Once you know where underground utilities are located, plant at least 25 feet away.

Is your contact information correct?

Does NorthWestern Energy have your correct phone number and email address? Having your contact information allows us to get in touch in case of an emergency. It also makes it easier for you to contact us. When you call our Contact Center, our phone system checks to see if the number you're calling from is associated with an account. If it is, you'll have the option for more automated services, such as reporting an outage.

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Is your furnace ready for winter weather?

When was the last time you had your furnace inspected? Not sure? That means it's probably time for an inspection.

You should have all natural gas appliances, furnaces, vents, flues, chimneys and gas lines in your home or business inspected every year or two by a qualified industry professional.

Also, be sure you're changing your furnace filter monthly.



Please don't shoot at power equipment

As hunting season gets underway, we want to remind all customers not to shoot at power lines, insulators, signs or any above-ground natural gas equipment – and to report any damage they might spot.

Unfortunately, every year during hunting season, some of our infrastructure is damaged by gun shots. This damage is costly and may also cause significant safety hazards for hunters and hikers.

Please call 911 to report illegal activity to law enforcement. Call NorthWestern Energy immediately if you spot damaged electrical or natural gas equipment.

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*We'll review your account at least twice a year and your payment amount may fluctuate based on your usage patterns and/or rates currently in effect.



Use caution around overhead power lines

When working on ladders or anywhere near overhead power lines, always be aware of where lines are located and keep your distance. Keep yourself, your ladder and any other equipment more than 10 feet from overhead power lines. Contact with power lines can result in serious injury or even death.

If equipment comes into contact with a power line, do not attempt to remove it. Call 911.

If your vehicle comes into contact with a line, stay in the cab and call 911 for help. Trying to exit the vehicle can result in an electrical shock that could be deadly. A call to 911 could save your life.