

Devotion, Week of November 03, 2024
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Acorns. They're everywhere in our driveway. Every time I hear one hit the car, I wonder how big a dent I've got in the roof. I can't even walk half the time around to the back yard without worrying that I'm going to fall – it's a solid carpet of acorns. Charles Seabrook, who writes a column on nature in the Atlanta Journal Constitution, had an article Saturday about animals hoarding food for the winter. He said that in a half hour, a gray squirrel can bury as many as 25 nuts, and 10,000 during the year, to eat during the winter. They scatter them in holes an inch or more deep in the ground. Trouble is they may not often remember where they did that, and we get little oak tree sprouts in the spring, as you well know! Chipmunks can deposit as much as 8 pounds of nuts in their underground dens. This doesn't count deer, of which we have at least 5, who eat the acorns.

So if these animals take care of all these acorns, why do I still have so many? Should I put up a sign that says, "Free acorns – take all you want?" Should I go out and sprinkle some kind of seasoning on them to make them more attractive than my neighbors' supply? All I know is that when the yard guy blows them off the driveway, they just land in the grass, where you now crunch rather than glide as you walk. I'm ready for this rainstorm of acorns to be over, so I won't feel like "Henny Penny the Sky is Falling" when I walk out in the driveway. I literally cringe every time one hits the car, thinking it's going to hit me on the head.

I'm not sure why God decided to send an extra abundance of acorns this year, but God knows why. But God – you can stop now! We have plenty and a lot left over, and I have no recipes for anything I can cook with them! Anytime now, God! I think all your wonderful forest creatures have enough for the winter! And thank you for your gift of food for them!

Hope you have figured out a way to get rid of all your acorns and that we can all walk safely on our driveways and in our yards soon without tripping! Have a good week with leaves turning color and those falling nuts!

Yours in Christ,

Jeanne