

RG&E consumer news

The Hotter the Water Make your house secure The Whiter the Wash Before going on vacation



It has been noted by several growing families that: the amount of hot water available to a family is inversely proportionate to its size. That is to say, as the family gets bigger, its hot water supply grows smaller.

First, you have more people to bathe than when there was just two of you. But that is not the only consideration. As your family has grown, its need for work-saving appliances that demand hot water, such as a dishwasher and a washing machine, has also grown. In order for you to derive all the benefits from these appliances, an adequate supply of hot water must be available when needed.

Hot water (water from 140 degrees to 160 degrees) does two things to increase the benefits from washing, whether it be the laundering of dishes or of clothes. The most important result of hot water is that it aids in sanitizing the washed items — dishes and fabrics. In some dishwashers a sanitizing cycle boosts the water temperature from 150 to 160. The higher temperature strengthens the dishwasher's ability to stop the spread of germs. There is no such temperature booster on an automatic clothes washer however.

Thus, even though the hot water temperature selector on the machine may be activated, the water entering the washer will be hot only if hot water is available at the time and if the water heater in the home is properly set. The setting of the hot water is in part determined by the water heater's distance from the automatic washer. The further away the water heater is from the washer, the more heat the water loses during its transportation to the machine. You should have your water heater set to compensate for any such heat loss.

For the cleanest and

most sanitary wash, the temperature for most items should range from 140 to 160 degrees. The hotter the water, the more quickly and more thoroughly soaps and detergents will penetrate and soften fibers, dissolve grease and fats and disperse soils. However, some types of stains such as blood or egg yolk, will be set by water that is too hot. Stains should be pretreated in cold or lukewarm water before washing.

At one time a hot water wash could not be recommended on man-made fibers because the hot water created wrinkles difficult to remove. However, many of today's automatic washers are equipped with cool-down cycles which "relax" the wrinkles out of the fabrics. This cycle is especially geared for Permanent Press items. Or, to achieve the same result, a hot water wash could be used with a cold water rinse.

For help in determining your family's hot water needs, call on the Appliance Sales Department at RG&E, 89 East Avenue. Here you can choose among electric heaters from 30 to 80 gallons by A. O. Smith priced from \$144.95, gas heaters by A. O. Smith, Penfield and Day and Night priced from \$164.95. All prices include replacement installation.

Buy of the Week
Dehumidifiers
prices start at
\$97.00

Recipe of the Week

Can be made ahead of time and frozen ...
SOUR CREAM BANANA CAKE

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| 1/4 cup butter or margarine | 1 teaspoon baking powder |
| 1 1/4 cups sugar | 1 teaspoon soda |
| 2 eggs | 3/4 teaspoon salt |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | 1 cup dairy sour cream |
| 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour | 1 cup mashed ripe bananas |
| | 1/2 cup chopped nuts |
1. Cream butter, add sugar gradually and beat until light and fluffy.
 2. Sift together flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream.
 3. Add bananas and nuts mixing just until blended. Pour into greased 9 x 13 x 2 inch pan.
 4. Bake in preheated oven.
 5. If desired, frost or sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

How many times have you started out on your summer vacation, or left for two weeks at the cottage, and begun worrying about how you left your home? Did you turn the stove off? Are all the windows shut?

Don't let nagging doubts about the security of your home put a damper on your vacation. Here is a checklist of things to do to prepare your house for your departure. Clip out this article and save it for future vacations.

Don't leave any clues to potential burglars that you have left your house unoccupied. Call the circulation department of your newspaper a week before you leave and have delivery of the newspaper suspended during your absence. To prevent a pile-up of mail, — a certain indi-

cation that you are away, — ask the Post Office to hold your mail.

- Notify the Sheriff's department, or your village or city police, that you will be away and for how long. They will be glad to check your home regularly. It is a lot easier for them to check your home than to have to investigate a robbery.

- If you have a timer which automatically turns on an appliance or lamp, make sure it is connected to at least one light in your house and is set to allow the light to be turned at least 3 hours a night. If you don't have such a device, you can find them in most appliance stores. At RG&E, they are on display on the main floor at 89 East Avenue at the Small Appliance Gift Counter.

- Let at least one neigh-

bor know where you are going and how long you will be away. Give your neighbor the name of the nearest relative in case he can't get in touch with you if an emergency develops. If you wish, let a neighbor have an extra key to your home to be used in the event that it is necessary to enter your house.

- Just before leaving make sure you have locked all the doors you can and that the windows are in the "lock" position.

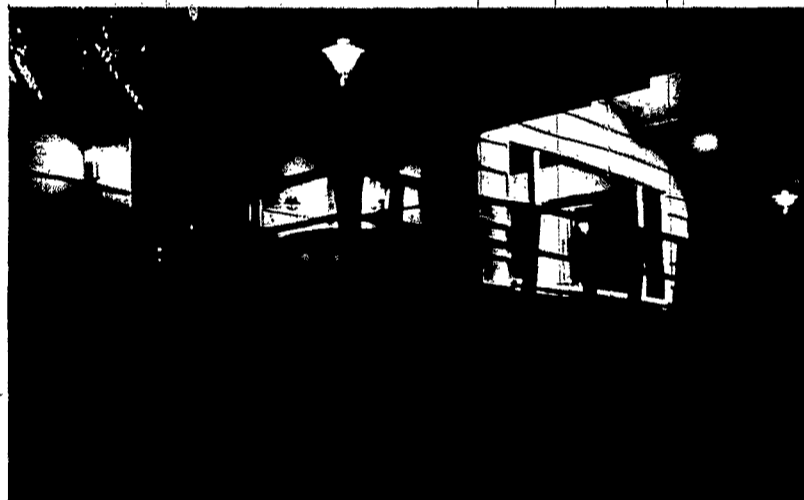
- When you are leaving the house for more than a month, it is advised that you empty the refrigerator (no-frost or otherwise), turn it off, clean it and leave the door blocked open. If you go away for less than a month, it is not necessary to clean it and turn it off, but do remove the perishables. Some people like to clean it, turn it off and empty it even if they are going away for just a week because they like to take advantage of the opportunity to give the refrigerator a good airing.

- If there is no need to leave the electricity on in your home — that is if you have no timer and have no other appliance which you feel is necessary to leave on, such as a dehumidifier — locate the main panel box and pull the main switch or put all circuit breakers in "off" position.

- If you need to keep the electricity on, pull out the plugs on all the appliances and lamps you will not want on during your vacation. During your absence, a fire could develop in a frayed cord if it is left plugged into the socket. This will also help prevent damage by lightning.

- Turn off your water system before you leave. By doing this, you can minimize the possibility of water damage from a leak.

Now that you are at the bottom of the checklist you can leave for your vacation feeling secure that your house will be safe while you are gone. Have a wonderful time and, please, drive carefully.



You can have a worry-free vacation at your cottage when you have readied your home for your absence.

The Freezer Door Was Left Open!

If this happens to you, you'll wonder how much of the food can be saved and if some of it can be refrozen. Here are a few suggestions from our freezer book, available from the Home Service Department, 89 East Avenue.

Refreezing always causes loss of quality (texture, appearance, flavor) and food value.

According to the latest information, frozen food which has begun to thaw may be refrozen if the food still contains some ice crystals or its temperature has not gone above 45°F.

Never refreeze ice cream or sherbet.

Bread refreezes well.

Defrosted seafood, poultry or meats can be cooked, then refrozen.

RG&E Summer Store Hours

RG&E's Appliance Sales Center at 89 East Avenue will close on Saturdays during the months of July and August. Joseph Ave. and Bullshead offices will be open Saturdays until noon. Throughout the summer, the store will continue to be open Tuesday and Thursday evenings till 9 p.m.

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