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RG&E consumer news

Keep Fire Fighters Out of Your Home

Fire prevention begins at home — make it a family project. Improper use of equipment contributes to many unnecessary fires.

1. Use appliances properly and keep them in repair.
2. Clean dryer lint traps after each use.
3. Remove accumulated dust under the refrigerator with nozzle attachment of vacuum cleaner.
4. Since most kitchen fires involve grease, keep oven, broiler and ventilating fan free of grease build-up. When using or melting fat on top of the range, stay near it, never leave it, to answer the phone, door, etc. You may forget it.
5. Follow the instructions for fondue pot burners. Use a recommended fuel, never gasoline. Never cover oil that is heating.
6. Keep electric wires and cords repaired and never plug too many appliances into one outlet. If the lights dim each time an appliance turns on, check your housepower.
7. Mount fire extinguishers near possible sources of fire — kitchen, basement work area, etc. Teach children how to use them.
8. Instruct children in escape routes other than familiar ones. Make sure they know how to call the fire department.
9. If you do have a fire, call the fire department first, before you attempt to put it out yourself.

New Hours at

Brookwood

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sun. - Thurs.

For further information call
546-2770—ext. 291-203

RG&E Consumer Center Helps Take Guesswork Out of Washday

Do you feel a bit like Alice in Wonderland, caught in a maze of confusion, when you approach washday? With all the different types of fabrics, laundry prod-

ucts and laundry equipment, your puzzlement is understandable.

With the idea of helping to eliminate your confusion and

taking the guesswork out of washday, RG&E's Consumer Information Center will feature Laundry Care throughout the month of October. Graduate Home Economists from RG&E's Home Service Department will staff the Center Monday through Friday from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. and Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30. They are qualified to answer your questions on laundry products, fabric care, and laundry equipment. You can also get up-to-date information on consumer protection legislation, such as the institution of permanent care labels, from our Home Economists.

and costing more than three dollars, have had to be permanently labeled with instructions for laundering or cleaning. The only exceptions are gloves, hats, shoes, slippers, and items such as scarves, where using a permanent label would ruin the appearance and usefulness. Yard goods must be sold with care labels.

You will probably still find unlabeled items in the stores, however, since the ruling applies only to garments made or imported after July 3, 1972.



A small sample of the many laundry products available.

Gas Emergency and Service Numbers

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Emergency

Any time you smell gas, call Rochester Gas and Electric at 546-1100. If this number is not available, call 454-1133, the number reserved for gas emergencies only. (If you are one of our gas customers living outside of the Rochester-Monroe County area, consult your local telephone directory for the local emergency number and make a note of it.)

RG&E maintains 24-hour service for gas emergencies. Your calls are recorded and immediately dispatched to the field crews who will investigate promptly. It is important that they have complete directions to the location, and access to the residence when they arrive. At night, please leave your porch light on so that our service crew can find your home.

Gas Service

If you heat with gas, 546-1100 is also the number to call if there is no heat in your residence. RG&E will render emergency service to your furnace, including temporary repairs. You will

then be advised to call your heating contractor to have permanent service performed. If you do not have a regular contractor, we can recommend two or three in your area, at your request.

RG&E will provide repair service for all appliances purchased from the Company. Repairs on other gas appliances are limited to emergency service only. Before service work is performed, you will be advised whether or not there will be a charge. There is no charge for an investigation of a gas odor.

Better Light Better Sight For Back to School

How many of us, beyond having the casual eye exam, consider the importance to our eyes of good study lighting when we prepare for the school year?

The Better Light Better Sight Bureau has considered the importance of good study lighting and, as a result, has set up standards for the most efficient study light needs. Because of their design, the lamps which meet these standards provide abundant, even light over the entire desk area, when used as directed. Glare, one of the causes of eye fatigue, is eliminated; dark shadows are prevented from forming.

All lamps which meet these requirements are identified by the Better Light Better Sight tag. Now that school is in full swing, provide your study area with a well-designed lighting system. Look for Better Light Better Sight lamps at lamp counters and in stationery and bookstores.

Laundry Products

Have you ever stopped to list all the laundry-related products on the market? Besides soaps and detergents, there are fabric softeners, water conditioners, ammonias, bleaches, pre-soaks, bluing agents, whiteners and brighteners, and starches.

Proper use of these laundry aids is essential. Using too much, for instance, can create laundry problems rather than solve them.

When to use bleach and how much is a common laundry problem which one of our Home Economists who staffs the Consumer Information Center can clarify. Never, by the way, mix bleach with ammonia.

Fabric Care

If you have a garment made from one of the new man-made fibers and you do not know how to launder it, bring it into the Consumer Information Center this month. Our Home Economists will tell you how to care for any fabric — from Acrilan to Zefran.

Consumer Legislation

Starting this July 3, all garments, domestic and imported,

Laundry Equipment

You will find some new laundry equipment displayed at the Consumer Information Center. Whether or not the washers and dryers are the same as yours, you can probably learn more about the efficient use of your washer and dryer when you visit our Home Economist at the Center.

Many of the new fabrics, especially those with a permanent press finish, launder better in automatic washers and dryers. As a matter of fact, most of today's washers and dryers have a setting for permanent press garments. However, if your laundry equipment does not have these settings, our Home Economist can tell you ways to use your washer and dryer to care for permanent press fabrics.

Information like this — on laundry products, fabric care, consumer legislation, and laundry equipment — can help you take the guesswork out of washday and give better care and longer life to your clothes. Stop in during October and visit our Consumer Information Center on Laundry Care for more of the same.

Recipe of the Month

FLUFFY WALDORF SALAD SUPREME

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| 1 cup golden raisins | 1 cup English walnut meats, broken in pieces |
| Orange juice | 1/4 cup heavy cream, whipped |
| 2 cups diced celery | 1/2 cup mayonnaise |
| 3 cups diced tart apples | |
| 1/2 cup seedless green grapes | Lettuce |

1. The day before serving, put golden raisins in a jar. Add orange juice to cover. Put on lid. Raisins will absorb most of the juice and become puffy and tender.
2. When ready to mix salad, drain raisins and combine with celery, apples, grapes and walnut meats.
3. Whip cream and fold into mayonnaise.
4. Mix at once with salad.
5. Serve in lettuce cups.

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89 East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14649

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