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## Annual Furnace Inspection Recommended

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**Question:** Is an annual furnace inspection necessary? If so, what time of year is recommended?

**Answer:** RG&E recommends an annual furnace inspection, and cleaning, if necessary. By scheduling preventive maintenance you can reduce the possibility of future high repair bills. Preventive maintenance will also mean some savings in your heating costs. A clean-burning furnace requires less fuel so it will heat more efficiently. A clean-burning furnace should insure against carbon monoxide build-up which results from the incomplete combustion of the heating fuel.

Early spring is a good time for a furnace inspection for two reasons. First, heating contractors are not as busy now as they have been with repairs in the winter, or as they will be with new installations in the summer. Secondly, the contractor can observe the furnace under normal operating conditions. If you wait until summer for a furnace inspection you may not remember any minor

problems you may have had with the furnace.

A heating contractor who inspects your house heating system should clean and lubricate the blower motor and mechanism, clean the gas or oil burner, check for flue leaks, and make sure that all chimney and flue vents are open so your furnace is properly vented.

If you do not have a heating contractor who regularly services your heating equipment, call RG&E's Residential Department for the names of a few contractors in your area. The number is 546-2700, Extension 2751.

In addition to arranging for an annual furnace inspection, you should plan to change the furnace filter periodically. A dirty filter prevents proper air circulation and can cause the furnace to overheat. It cuts down on efficiency because the furnace must burn more fuel to heat your home than it would with a clean filter.

If you have further questions about this subject, do not hesitate to call!

## Home Owners' Seminar on Heating, Cooling, Insulation April 18

Call now to make your reservations for the RG&E Home Owners' Seminar on heating, cooling & insulation. It will be held Wednesday, April 18, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in RG&E's basement auditorium. If you're remodeling, building or buying a home, the meeting will provide you with many useful and money-saving ideas. To make your reservations call the Residential Department at 546-2700, extension 2751.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium of RG&E's main office building at 89 East Avenue. Free parking will be available in the company lot at Lawn and Chestnut Streets behind the building.

## Recipe of the Week

SPANISH BAKED FISH Temperature: 350°F Time: 30-40 minutes

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| 3 pounds fillets (haddock, halibut, flounder) | 7 ounce can tomato sauce               |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt                             | 3 tablespoons snipped green onion tops |
| 1/4 teaspoon black pepper                     | 1 cup thinly sliced fresh mushrooms    |
| 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper                   | 2 tablespoons lemon juice              |
| 1/4 teaspoon mace                             | 2 tablespoons water                    |
| 1 tablespoon olive or salad oil               | 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs               |
| 1 large onion, thinly sliced                  | 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine     |
| 2 tablespoons diced pimiento                  |  |

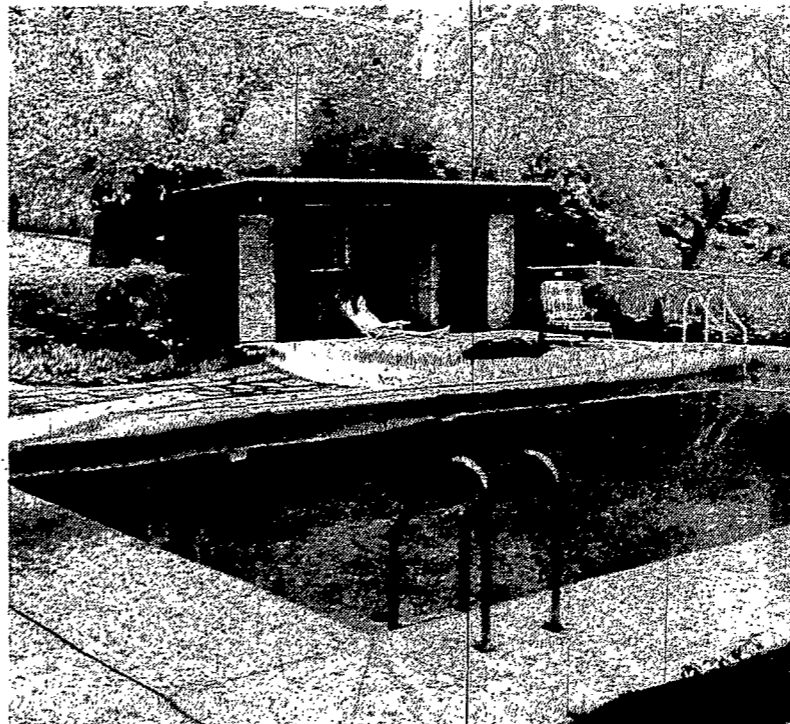
- Defrost fish in refrigerator in frozen. Wipe dry with paper toweling. Sprinkle with mixture of salt, pepper, cayenne pepper and mace. Cut into 6 portions.
- Pour oil over bottom of baking dish; top with onion slices and pimiento.
- Arrange seasoned fish side by side on top of onion slices. Cover each piece of fish with tomato sauce and sprinkle with green onion tops.
- Scatter mushrooms over all, then add lemon juice and water.
- Brown crumbs in melted butter; sprinkle over top of fish.
- Baked uncovered in preheated oven.

Menu Suggestion: Spanish Baked Fish Parslied Potatoes  
Fruit Salad Coffee or Tea Lemon Pie

For more meatless recipes, ask for our booklet "Fish and Seafood" on the coupon below.

## Build Safety Into Your Pool

A pool in your own backyard offers much pleasure and provides a good place for you to get some exercise. However, it is a potential hazard if certain safety measures are not observed.



Relax this summer around a pool that is protected from electrical accidents.

## Are Your Clothes as Clean As They Used To Be?

We have recently received many calls in our department concerning laundry problems. Here are some of the most common questions:

Why are my white clothes turning gray?

I have noticed a residue on dark cottons — white streaks, especially in creases. Can you tell me what causes this?

Why do labels on infants' pajamas say, "Do not wash in soap, low-, or no-phosphate detergents?"

The first two questions often involve more than one answer. Be sure your hot water is hot enough to dissolve grease and oil which hold in dirt deposits, eventually resulting in a gray tinge to white clothes. Water feels hot at 120°F but should be at least 140°F to give good results — use a thermometer to be sure. For maximum efficiency in dissolving soap, as opposed to detergent, have water at least 120°F. If improperly dissolved, soap residue can leave white streaks, especially noticeable on colored clothes.

A water softener should be used in hard water with soap to prevent soap scum deposits on laundered clothes. Never wash white clothing with colored. Even if you think some colored

All pools installed since January, 1972 are required by the National Electrical Code to have receptacles which feed electricity to equipment used in conjunction with the pool protected by a ground-fault circuit-interrupter.

The ground-fault circuit-interrupter will cut off the supply of electricity in a cord or piece of equipment should a current leakage develop. It does this almost instantaneously — within 25 thousandths of one second.

In other words, do not string extension cords from the house to get the power to service auxiliary pool equipment. Use a grounded outdoor, weatherproof receptacle which is protected by the ground-fault circuit-interrupter. Cords should also be grounded. This applies to anything used electrically around the pool or in the pool.

The Code also prohibits outlets within 10' of the pool — with or without the protection of a ground-fault circuit-interrupter.

with minerals in hard water to form a precipitate that adheres to fibers and collects within the fabric. The results of this buildup are a gray tinge to white clothing and whitish streaking on colored fabrics, as well as a harsh feel to all materials.

The answer to the third question involves the new Federal flammability legislation stating that after July 29, 1973, all children's sleepwear sizes 0 to 6X, must be flame retardant. Manufacturers who have already met this standard have found that the buildup on fabric from the use of soap and carbonate detergents in hard water decreases the flame resistance to a level where the garment again becomes flammable.

Besides losing the effect of the safer flame retardancy of children's sleepwear, another safety hazard is evident with the use of phosphate substitute detergents. Some have been known to cause severe damage to mucous membranes, esophagus and stomach when ingested. They also may cause severe eye irritation. Remember now more than ever to keep all laundry products out of the reach of children.

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89 East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14649

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_