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Electrical Safety Tips

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Vacation time is a good time to remind children, particularly young ones, about some of the basic facts of electrical safety. Explaining the reasons for taking certain precautions will be more meaningful to children than simply listing the precautions.

The following are important points to cover:

1. The combination of electricity and water is always hazardous because water is an excellent conductor of electricity.

Using a radio, hair dryer or other electric appliance while bathing almost insures trouble, and so does handling an electric switch with wet hands.

2. A short circuit, a shock or even a fire can result if bare wires are exposed by pulling a cord apart where it joins the plug. Avoid this situation by grasping the plug, not the cord, when disconnecting appliance from an outlet.

3. Avoid having lamps or appliances knocked over by keeping appliance cords out of traffic areas where people can trip over them. This is especially important with heat-producing appliances such as irons, coffee-makers or fry pans which could cause burns if knocked over.

4. Light duty extension cords are designed for use with lamps. They do not have wires large enough to handle the electrical requirements of small appliances. The U.L. seal on an extension cord means it has been tested for safety by the Underwriters Laboratory. But this seal is not a guarantee against overheating or failure if it is used to replace a heavy duty appliance cord.

5. High voltage areas are not play areas. Keep kites away from overhead lines, and keep children from climbing utility poles.

Help children develop a respect for the proper use of electricity and a feel for its potential danger.

Donate Used Appliances

The Home Economics Division of Social Services is operating a program in which they place donated used appliances and furniture in the homes of people who need them. The donors of these items are people like you who have a used appliance they don't need any more.

They can accept only those appliances and furniture that are

"Scout-O-Rama" To Be Held May 19

The Otetiana Council of Boy Scouts will hold two simultaneous "Scout-O-Ramas" Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at Aquinas Stadium and the Monroe County Fairgrounds. More than one hundred scouting projects will be demonstrated by Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Explorer units at the "Scout-O-Rama." The theme for the two shows is "Scouting's More than You Think."

Tickets to the show cost \$1.00. Scouts, cubs and explorers will be selling the tickets all over Monroe County until show time.

From the Home Service Department

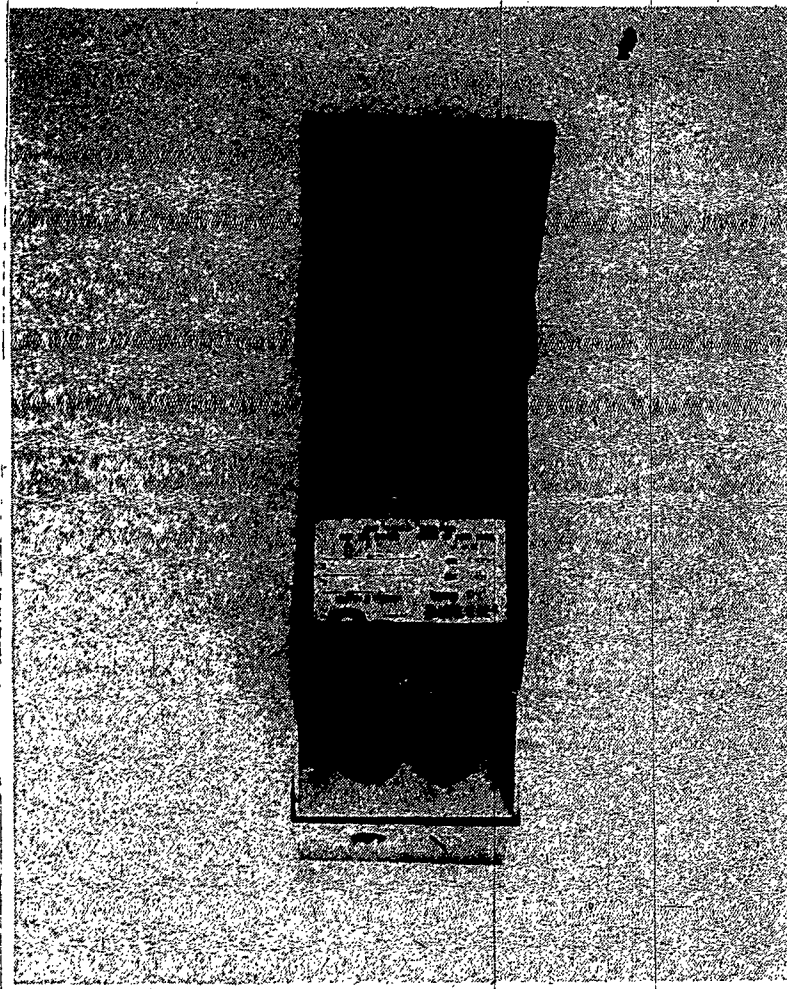
Spring Cleaning Hints: Shower Curtains Need a Bath Too!

Use your washer to remove the build-up of soap curd and hard water deposits from shower curtains. Add only water softener (no soap or detergent) to the warm wash water, using twice the recommended amount of the softener. Turkish towels may be added to act as an abrasive to remove soil from plastic. Set the wash time for three minutes on slow speed and complete the machine cycle. Hang to dry on shower rod or put in dryer with a dry bath towel and tumble on fluff or no heat for 10-15 minutes.

May Consumer Information Center How to protect yourself from shock

Each year more than 1,000 people in the United States are killed and thousands are injured because of electrical accidents caused by faulty equipment and misuse of electrical equipment.

One way people have protected themselves has been by grounding their appliances with three-prong plugs plugged into a three-hole outdoor receptacle that is itself grounded.



A new piece of protective equipment, called a ground-fault circuit-interrupter, has been on the market for about a year now. It was developed to detect and make harmless tiny current leakage — a current as small as six one-hundredths of an ampere can kill a healthy man. One ground-fault circuit-interrupter is activated by a fault current to the ground within 25 milliseconds; this is far faster than a single heart beat. It provides excellent back-up protection where grounding and circuit breakers are not effective.

The National Electrical Code now required that "all outdoor receptacles located between ten feet and fifteen feet of the inside walls of a permanently installed pool shall be protected by a ground-fault circuit-interrupter."

Storable pools "shall be supplied by circuits protected by ground-fault circuit-interrupters"

There are many makes of ground-fault circuit-interrupters on the market today. Your electrical contractor can tell you more about them.

Starting next week you can find out more about electrical safety outdoors, and particularly ground-fault circuit-interrupters, at RG&E's Consumer Information Center, located on the main floor of 89 East Avenue. Representatives of our Residential Department will be there Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to answer your questions.

Making Jam and Freezing Food Demo's Scheduled This Month

Making jam and freezing food has become a vital part of home making. We hope you will attend the demonstrations we have planned to help you with yours.

MAKING JAM	Tuesday evening, May 15	7:30 o'clock
	Wednesday afternoon, May 16	1:00 o'clock
FREEZING FOOD	Tuesday evening, May 22	7:30 o'clock
	Wednesday afternoon, May 23	1:00 o'clock

There will be limited parking on a first come basis in the Company lot for the evening demonstration only, after 6:30 p.m. This lot is located on Lawn Street directly back of 89 East Avenue. Lawn Street is accessible from Chestnut Street or Broadway.

The demonstration will be held in the large auditorium located in the basement of the RG&E main office.

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To Call RG&E

Here are all the numbers you need to know to get in touch with Rochester Gas and Electric. These are all of our telephone numbers; there are no other numbers with which you can reach the Rochester offices of this company.

Customer Service Dept.
For emergency calls, gas or electric trouble, appliance repairs and adjustments 546-1100

Gas emergency service — only if above number is unavailable 454-1133

Bills—service applications & information 546-1100

General Offices—Home Service, Residential, Commercial & Industrial Marketing, Brookwood 546-2700

Appliance Department 546-2700

Recipe of the Week

A light, refreshing cake for Mother's Day or any special occasion . . .

ORANGE FEATHER CAKE

Temperature: 350°F. Time: 35-40 minutes

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- Grated rind of 1 orange
- 1 1/2 cup sifted cake flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten

1. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, the egg yolks and grated orange rind. Beat well.
2. Sift flour and baking powder together, and add alternately with the milk to the first mixture.
3. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites.
4. Pour into a greased shallow oblong or 8 inch square pan and bake in a preheated oven.
5. Sprinkle generously with confectioners' sugar while still warm.

Note: Use freshly grated orange peel for best flavor.

Buy of the Week

SUNBEAM Electric Lawnmowers

prices start at

* 89.99

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89 East Ave.
546-2700 Ext. 2428

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