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## Electrical Safety Tips

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It is wise to periodically 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 convey:

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 an 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 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.

## Home Owner's Seminar To Be Held Next Week

The annual Home Owner's Seminar, sponsored by the RG&E Residential Department, will be held on April 17 and April 24. On both nights the Seminar will be held in the RG&E Auditorium at 89 East Avenue and will begin at 7:30 PM.

For over ten years these seminars have been helping thousands of owners of new homes and remodelers of older homes understand the importance of proper wiring, good heating and air conditioning systems, and what constitutes adequate insulation. This year the Seminar will stress energy-saving ideas ideas that will help save you money.

On Wednesday, April 17, the Seminar will feature House Wiring, Insulation, and Ventilation and Humidification Heating and Air Conditioning will be the topic of the second Seminar, Wednesday, April 24. Representatives from the Residential Department will discuss Gas Heating and Air Conditioning and Electric Heat.

Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be awarded at both sessions. There will be free parking for participants of the Seminar in the Company lot on Lawn Street behind the Main Office.

For your free tickets to the Seminar, fill in the coupon on this page and let us know how many you need and for which nights. [You may, of course, attend both sessions.] Or, you can receive tickets by calling the Residential Department 546-2700, and asking for extension 2751. Tickets are required for admission.

## Brookwood Holiday Hours

The Brookwood Science Information Center will be closed on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13. It will however, be open on Easter Sunday, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Monday through Thursday, from 10 AM to 4 PM it will remain open.

## Insulating your home: part 8

# Special problems proper insulation can solve

Here are two problems we see in the Rochester area that can be solved by the use of proper insulation.

A. Water seeping into interior walls



Adequate insulation helps reduce your heating and cooling energy consumption.

If your attic is warm because the floor between it and the heated living area below is not insulated, allowing heat to rise into it, some of the snow closest to the roof may melt and run down the roof, especially

under a heavy blanket of snow. When this water reaches the overhand and gutters, it will freeze in the cold air, obstructing the gutters and causing subsequent melted snow to collect. This water has nowhere to go except down into the interior walls, causing water damage. The way to prevent this is to keep the attic cold, so that the snow closest to the roof doesn't melt. You can do this by insulating the floor of the attic between it and the heated living areas below. The attic should also be ventilated so that cold air can circulate in it.

B. Moisture condensation in closets

If one of the walls of a closet is an uninsulated exterior wall, moisture in the air of the closet may condense on that wall because it is cold. This moisture may cause mildew or rust on the items stored in the closet.

A dehumidifier would not solve this problem, because if the closet is cold enough to cause moisture condensation, then it is too cold for successful operation of a dehumidifier. The condenser coils of the dehumidifier would ice up, reducing the appliance's effectiveness.

The solution to this problem is to insulate the exterior wall. Insulation will keep the wall warm, preventing moisture condensation on it.

This month at RG&E's Consumer Information Center you can learn a lot about insulating your home. Come and see what a difference proper insulation makes. The Center is located on the Main Floor of 89 East Avenue and is open during all regular office hours.

## Holiday Store Hours

On Good Friday, April 12, the Main Office of RG&E, including the Customer Service and Appliance Departments will be closed. The Bull's Head Office and Joseph Avenue Office will be open for business as usual from 9 AM to 6 PM. On Holy Saturday, April 13, the Main Office will again be closed. The two urban offices will be open from 9 AM - 1: PM.

From the Home Service Department

## Sort It Out!

One color garment running into another or light colors graying can be remedied by careful sorting. Synthetic fabrics, especially nylon, pick up colors very easily. For this reason it is necessary to wash light colored synthetics separately to avoid graying or discoloration. Use the proper water temperature, use the correct amount of detergent, and follow direction on the box as to detergent use. Check labels on garments that are multicolored for washability.

Check pockets carefully before loading the washer. A kleenex in a pocket may result in nothing more than annoyance at having to pick shreds off your clothes. However, a nail, a screw or other sharp object can rip and shred clothing and may cause costly damage to the inside of the washer or dryer.

Wax crayons left in pockets of childrens clothes may cause staining in the washing machine. If the crayon is not discovered before the clothes are put into the dryer it will melt into the fabric leaving a

stain that is almost impossible to remove. If excess crayon remains on the dryer drum, staining of subsequent loads may occur. To remove crayon on drum, heat the empty dryer 10 to 15 minutes and wipe with a clean coarse dry lint free cloth. Repeat this until all color is removed. Don't use solvents in the dryer as these may cause combustion on heating.

Ball point pen left in a pocket also causes staining on clothing. By checking clothing as it goes from the washer to the dryer, you may catch a stain like this before it gets heat set on the fabric.

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