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Considerations In Choosing A Room Air Conditioner

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When you shop for a room air conditioner there should be two major considerations: (1) Choosing a unit with the proper cooling capacity for the room, and (2) Finding a unit which is efficient in its use of electricity.

I would like to discuss the first consideration this week. Manufacturers express the cooling capacity of room air conditioners in BTU's per hour; the higher the BTU rating the greater the cooling capacity. Do not automatically look for the unit with the highest cooling capacity, however, because it may not be the proper one for your room. For the sake of your comfort it is important to select a unit with the proper cooling capacity for the room in which you plan to use it. A unit that is the proper size will operate long enough to both cool the room to the desired temperature, and remove the proper amount of humidity or moisture from the air.

An oversized unit would cool the room quickly but would cycle off before it had properly dehumidified the room. As a

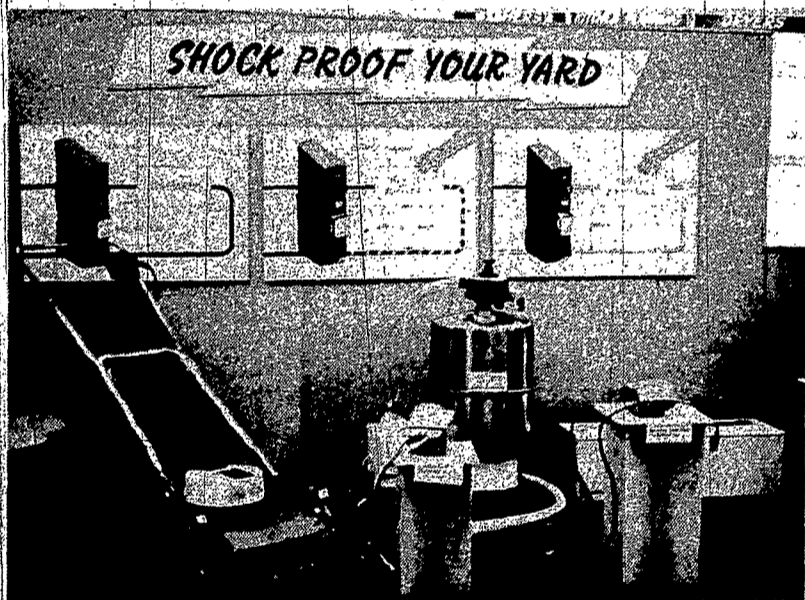
result the room would be cool but would be uncomfortable because it would be too humid. This frequent cycling on and off would also mean that the unit would not use electricity as efficiently as it would if it were properly sized.

How can you be sure to purchase the properly sized unit for your room? Reputable dealers should be able to make that calculation. Most standard size bedrooms, for example, can be cooled adequately by a 6,000 or 8,000 BTU unit. However, if the room to be cooled has a large amount of glass or other special features, it should be measured for heat gain in order to size the unit properly.

It is advisable to be prepared to tell your dealer the size of the room to be cooled, the number and size of its windows, the amount of insulation in the walls, roof or ceiling, its exposure to the sun and the number of people who will be using the space at one time.

If you have questions, call RG&E's Appliance Department at 546-2700, Extension 2428.

Is Something missing from your backyard?



It's small, it doesn't cost much, it doesn't take up much room. But it can save your life. It's called a ground-fault circuit-interrupter.

Ground-fault circuit-interrupters provide back-up protection against the hazards of electric shock. **Shockproof your pool**

As you know, water and electricity don't mix. Even a tiny current leak in your pool is a hazard. The electric current can seek ground through your body. If such a leak develops, a ground-fault circuit-interrupter cuts the power off fast — fast enough to avoid a dangerous threat to you or your family. No other piece of equipment can do this.

If your pool was installed professionally after January 1972, you probably have a ground-fault circuit-interrupter. It is so important that the National Electric Code requires one on all outdoor receptacles within 10 and 15 feet of the inside walls of in-ground or above-ground pools installed after that date. Check to be sure. If

you don't have one, give yourself the protection you deserve now. Consider the alternatives, is there any choice?

Plug into Outdoor Safety

Using your electric tools outdoors in the summer can make any job more enjoyable. A ground-fault circuit-interrupter on the outside electric outlet is a must to ensure work safety.

Potential hazards from electric shock are created any time power equipment is used out-of-doors. Standing on damp ground, or in or around a puddle, can be dangerous if electric current leakage occurs. Your body can become the best path the electric current travels from appliance to ground. A ground-fault circuit-interrupter will detect even the smallest amount of leakage and cut the power before a tragedy can happen.

This essential device offers unique protection. You owe yourself and your family a ground-fault circuit-interrupter installation on every outdoor receptacle.

Food Freezing at Consumer Information Center

June is Freezing Month



Visit RG&E's Food Freezing Display at the Consumer Information Center, Main floor, 89 East Avenue.

June is the month when many items of locally grown produce become available — strawberries, rhubarb and asparagus, for instance. For economy and for the sheer luxury of lengthening the fresh produce season, more and more people are freezing a variety of food — from fresh produce to spring lamb. To help you get off to the right start in food freezing efforts, the Consumer Information Center on the Main Floor at RG&E is featuring a display of Food Freezing during the month of June.

Mini freezing demonstration June 5 at C.I.C.

Those of you who will be downtown Wednesday, June 5 should take advantage of the informal mini-demonstration of food freezing at the Consumer Information Center. The demonstration will begin at 12 Noon and will continue throughout the lunch hour. You are invited to stop in anytime during the noon hour to see a demonstration of wrapping food for freezing and of wrapping materials. Stay as long as you wish and feel free to ask questions.

Food Freezing Display

Before or after the demonstrations, or anytime this month, browse through the display on Food Freezing at the Consumer Information Center. Various types of wrapping materials are on exhibit, as well as illustrations of different freezing methods, and literature on food freezing. You may visit the display any Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday through 9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Local Campsites Written Up

More and more people become camping enthusiasts every year. And this year will probably prove no exception. To help campers choose a campsite, RG&E has prepared the booklet **Camping In RG&E Country**. It describes 20 campsites, all located within the service area that RG&E serves.

To get your booklet, **Camping In RG&E Country**, fill out the coupon on this page. The camping season is just beginning, so send in the coupon today and you will be well equipped to plan your camping days.

From the Home Service Department

"Tis the Season to be Freezin'"

The Memorial Day holiday meant the opening of the parks, camping grounds and private cottages. Picnic time is upon us and you can get into the swing by planning ahead and freezing food for your weekend outings.

Take advantage of specials on hot dogs, ground meat and sandwich rolls. Hot dogs can remain frozen from 1-4 weeks in their own packages. Prepare hamburgers and separate them with two layers of waxed paper, then wrap in freezer paper or heavy-duty foil, and they can be kept frozen 1-3 months. Breads and rolls can be easily frozen in double wrapped plastic bags, foil or freezer paper.

For the sandwich lovers in the family, make sandwiches using cheese, tuna fish, sliced meats or ground cooked meats ahead and freeze. A thin layer of butter or margarine on each slice of bread helps to keep the filling from soaking through. Moisten fillings with pickles, relish, catsup, horseradish or salad dressing [not mayonnaise, as it separates]. Wrap and freeze. Store for no more than two weeks for best quality. Remove from the freezer and use within three hours. Be sure all meats, poultry, fish and foods containing them are kept at a temperature of 40°F. until they are ready to be cooked or eaten at the picnic site.

Cakes and cookies freeze well, but freeze desserts when they are freshly baked.

If you are planning a picnic for the coming weekend, be sure to freeze plenty of water for ice cubes. Once frozen, remove from the trays and pack in a large plastic bag. Ice cubes are usually a forgotten item.

On the day of the picnic, a large cardboard box becomes a suitable picnic chest when it is lined with heavy layers of newspapers. Add one or two plastic bags filled with ice cubes.

If ice cream is on your list of desserts, it should be packed in dry ice; unpack 30 minutes before serving.

Frozen foods packed in a freezer bag with dry ice will stay frozen for 24 to 48 hours. Use heavy gloves or several layers of paper to handle dry ice so as to avoid burns. There are a few names of firms who handle dry ice listed in the yellow pages of the telephone directory.

Freeze foods on a rainy day so you will be able to enjoy a nice day with minimal work in the kitchen.

Cooling Information Available Here

If you are thinking about buying an air conditioning unit for this summer, or having central cooling installed you will find RG&E's guides for air conditioning interesting reading. There are three: one about central air conditioning, one about room air conditioning units, and one titled, "11 ways to reduce energy consumption and increase comfort in household cooling." All are available to you at no charge.

These booklets explain important things to look for when you buy cooling, including the whole story of Energy Efficiency Ratio.

Besides helping you buy wisely, these booklets also tell you how to make the most of your cooling system while conserving energy.

If you would like one or all three informative booklets fill out and return the coupon on this page.

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