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# RG&E AND consumer news

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## Gas Restriction Explained

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The new statewide rules restricting addition of gas appliances have caused some confusion which I will try to clear up.

The intent of the rules is to protect the temporarily dwindling gas supply for existing gas customers until new sources are forthcoming. So the New York State Public Service Commission has ordered RG&E not to allow our customers to increase their gas use by adding new equipment such as a gas furnace, water heater, range or dryer. Replacement equipment is allowed, however.

For example, you should not buy a gas dryer to replace an electric dryer, or buy a gas dryer if you have no dryer. If you and others did, you would be adding to the total amount of gas demanded from RG&E, and that could cause the demand to exceed the supply.

However, you can buy a new gas dryer to replace the gas dryer you have been using because you are replacing "like for like" and that is acceptable under the rules. Likewise, if you move to a house where there is gas service you can take

and use gas appliances such as a dryer, range or oven that you used in your former house.

If a contractor offers to illegally install a gas heating unit, or any other gas appliance, don't do it. If this equipment is detected by our monitoring system you could be required to remove it. Failure to do so could result in termination of your gas service for the duration of the current gas supply problem.

RG&E's commercial and industrial customers also are subject to restrictions affecting their equipment because the rules apply to all RG&E customers.

We do not want to cause you inconvenience or unnecessary expense if you unknowingly disregard the rules. So if you are uncertain, please contact RG&E to discuss your plans before changing your gas appliances.

**It is not happy news, but in the long run it should be for the best to conserve the temporarily dwindling supply of natural gas. RG&E will keep you informed of any changes. If you have questions, please fill out and send in the coupon below.**

## At the Consumer Information Center Energy Costs Shown at Watt Watcher Display



Visit our consumer information center and see our watt watcher machine.

Would you like to know the energy cost comparisons among various appliances so you can reduce your own energy costs?

This month's Consumer Information Center features our "Watt Watcher" machine which gives you the approximate cost of operating certain household appliances simply by pushing a button. The costs are computed from a national study by Edison Electric Institute.

After visiting the display be sure to take home copies of these booklets.

"The Watt-Watcher's Handbook" in both English and Spanish

"Should the Gas Pilot Light Be Turned Off?"

"8 Ways to Reduce Your Heating Bill"

"Know Your Range"

"The Heat Pump Story"

"If You're Under-insulated, You're Over-spending on Fuel"

The Consumer Information Center located on the main floor at 89 East Avenue is open from 8 AM to 5 PM Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 AM to 9 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Bring Safety to Your Christmas

Each year at this time we cannot overemphasize the precautions that should be taken in displaying your holiday decorations.

Below is a list of safety tips you might want to consider before decorating your home.

If you are purchasing new outdoor lighting equipment be sure the lights are specifically designed for outdoor use and that they have the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) seal. This seal means they have complied with rigid safety standards before they are packaged for sale.

To prevent water from seeping into sockets insert special washer rings and hang sockets downward.

Securely anchor all lighting against snow and wind.

If you need to use an extension cord for outdoor lighting make sure that it is designed specifically for outdoor use and has a 3-prong plug.

The connection should be wrapped in plastic or tape to seal it from water.

Examine all light strings for frayed cords, exposed wires, loose or broken sockets. If faulty replace with equipment bearing the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) seal.

Position lights away from ornaments and needles.

Do not use lights on aluminum trees.

Do not place cords across floors or under carpets.

Be careful not to overload your electrical system. If you notice other lights dim when you plug your tree lights in, disconnect other electrical equipment while tree lights are on.

Water your Christmas tree frequently to prevent its drying out and becoming a fire hazard. Unplug the light strings while watering.

Keep tree stand covered so cords cannot accidentally drop into the water basin.

Never use lighted candles on a Christmas tree.

Always turn your lights off when you leave the house or go to bed. You will avoid a potential hazard and conserve energy at the same time.

## Used Appliances and Furniture Needed for Holidays!

The Monroe County Department of Social Services urgently needs your help in securing used appliances and furniture, in working order and good shape, for many families seeking them.

The most requested items are gas ranges, refrigerators, beds, dressers, sofas, chairs, and kitchen sets. The Department will arrange for a pick-up of donated items, which are then delivered to families on the waiting list.

Please call the Home Economics Division, 442-4580, and help a family out during this holiday season.

## Brookwood Open Sundays

The Brookwood Science Information Center is now open to the public Sundays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Take the whole family to learn about the generation of electricity, through animated displays, films, and slide presentations. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions on any aspect of the utility industry.

Located on Lake Road in Ontario, New York, Brookwood is just 16 miles east of Rochester. There is no charge, and plenty of parking is available. Group sessions may be arranged Mondays through Thursdays [evenings, too] by calling the Corporate Communications Department at RG&E, 546-2700, extension 2225.

## Tips on Stain Removal

All stains should be treated before laundering and should be removed as soon as possible. Stains that remain on fabrics are more difficult to remove. Follow directions carefully.

Always test stain removal remedy on inside seam of garment to be sure it is safe for the fabric, then apply remedy to the backside of the garment forcing the stain out instead of in. To remove some holiday stains:

**Gravy**—Soak in cool water about 20 minutes. Treat stain with glycerine or grease solvent\*. Apply shampoo, wait 10 minutes, then rinse thoroughly in warm water.

**Wax** (candle, floor, paraffin)—Rub with ice to harden, scrape off with dull knife. Place between blotters and apply warm iron. Shift to clean area of blotter and repeat. Remove color with rubbing alcohol\*\*, 1 T chlorine bleach in 1 cup water, or an oxygen bleach, depending on fabric. Sponge remaining grease spot with grease solvent\*.

**Wine**—For white cotton

or linen, stretch material over a bowl and secure with rubber band. Sprinkle salt on stain and then pour boiling water through it. For other fabrics, sponge with rubbing alcohol\*\* then launder.

\* Use in well ventilated area, away from source of ignition.

\*\* Dilute alcohol with 2 parts water for use on acetate and rayon. On any colored fabric, test first on an inside seam for colorfastness of dyes.

## Microwave Oven Demonstration December 16

The Home Service Department of RG&E will present a microwave oven use and care demonstration on Tuesday, December 16. It will begin at 7:30 PM in the basement auditorium.

Parking is available after 6:30 PM in the Lawn Street lot directly behind RG&E. Please call the Home Service Department at 546-2700, extension 2617, for your free reservation to the demonstration. See you there!

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