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Gas Restriction and Pool Heaters

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Q. A swimming pool dealer told me that although there is a gas restriction in effect, it is permissible to install a gas pool heater because the gas would be used in the summer when there is no supply problem as there is in the winter. Is this true?

A. No, that advice is false. The New York State Public Service Commission issued an order in August, 1974 banning the future addition of gas swimming pool heaters. The intent of the statewide rule is to protect the gas supply for existing customers until new sources are forthcoming. The gas supply problem is not just a seasonal problem.

RG&E has notified swimming pool dealers and contractors that the installation of gas pool heaters is prohibited. If a contractor offers to install a gas pool heater, don't do it. If the equipment is detected by RG&E's monitoring system, you would be required to remove it. Subsequent failure to do so could result in termination of your gas service.

We do not want to cause you any inconvenience or unnecessary expense. If you are uncertain about the rules

pertaining to gas appliances, please contact RG&E to discuss your plans before changing your gas equipment.

You do have a choice of other ways to heat your swimming pool. For example, solar systems, though not inexpensive, presently are available for this use.

If you have questions, please fill out and send in the coupon on this page.

Apple Blossom Festival, May 13-22 Williamson, N.Y.

On Friday, May 13, 1977 the village of Williamson, New York will begin their traditional celebration of Apple Blossom Time with a ten day festival of events.

Opening the festival on Friday, May 13, 1977 will be a "Holiday Madness" shopping gala with special sales, promotions and prizes.

A "Kiddie Costume Parade" is slated for Saturday, May 14.

Other events throughout the festival include: Apple Blossom Festival Parade, a concert by the Williamson High School Band, balloon drop and crowning of 1977 Western New York Apple Blossom Queen. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Microwave Oven Demonstrations — May 12

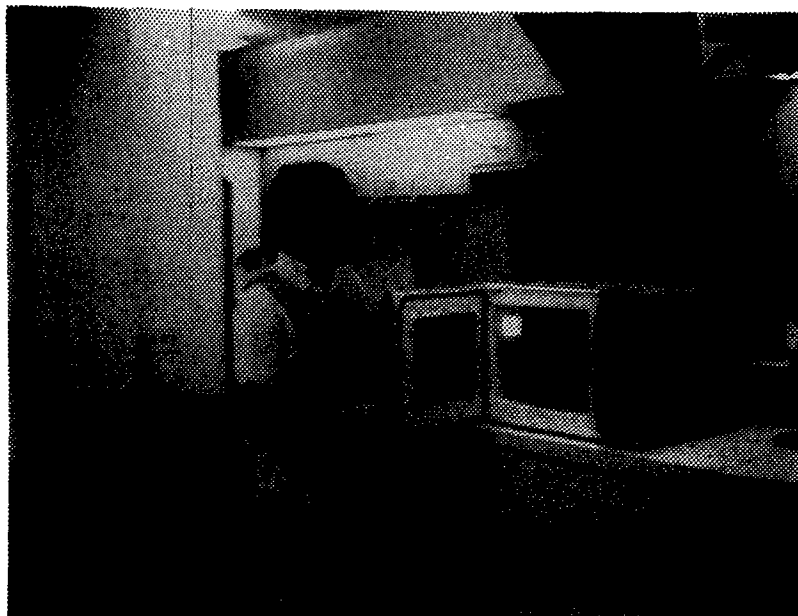
Cooking with a microwave oven is becoming increasingly popular in our area. The microwave oven is the newest and most efficient

means of cooking today, because it saves time and energy compared to conventional cooking methods.

To help you get the best

use out of your microwave oven, RG&E's Home Service Department has scheduled two demonstrations on the "Use and Care of the Microwave Oven." These demonstrations will be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 in the basement auditorium at our main office, 89 East Avenue. Parking will be available in the Company's parking lot on Lawn Street for the evening demonstration only.

There is no charge or obligation, but we would appreciate your making reservations by filling out and returning the coupon below. Or call 546-2700, extension 2617, if you plan to attend.



"Use and Care of Microwave Oven Cooking" demonstrations scheduled for Thursday, May 12.

Use and Care of Freezers

The easiest and least time-consuming method of food preservation at home is freezing. The quality of the frozen food however, is dependent upon the proper maintenance of the freezer.

A freezer should be placed in a dry area. It should be level, connected to a grounded three-prong outlet and preferably on a separate circuit. Allow the freezer to run at least 24 hours before use to reach a temperature of 0°F. Maintain the appliance at this temperature.

A freezer has to work harder to freeze food initially than to maintain it in a frozen state. Freeze 2-3 pounds of food per cubic foot of space at one time. Otherwise the food will require more than 24 hours to freeze.

The interior of the freezer should be thoroughly cleaned every 6-12 months with baking soda and water. (3 T soda per 1 qt. warm water). Rinse and dry the appliance. Set controls at the coldest setting for several hours for the freezer to reach 0°F.

The surface of the finned condenser (if one is present) and the front grill at the bottom of the freezer, should be cleaned with a brush or vacuumed to remove dust.

The exterior of the freezer is washed with mild soap and water.

Scout Show '77 May 13 & 14

How much do you or your boys really know about scouting? You can see the world of scouting in a lively fashion at the Scout Show '77, Dome Arena, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14.

You will see over 500 units of area Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers demonstrating camping skills, life saving, and fire fighting techniques. They'll show you how to respect nature and the environment through conservation and forestry. You can learn about energy and fighting pollution.

For \$1.00 each you and your family can see all of these events plus many, many more that have been put together to show the excitement and advantages of scouting.



Visit Brookwood

Should you be looking for something interesting to do with your family tomorrow, we'd like to suggest that you consider visiting our Brookwood Science Information Center.

Graphic exhibits and animated displays will explain the entire story of electricity from its basic generation to the harnessing of nuclear energy. Thousands of families have found this an exciting educational experience.

Brookwood is open to the public on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge and no parking fee. Group arrangements are available during the week by calling 546-2700, extension 2225, for an appointment.

RG&E's Brookwood Science Information Center is located on Lake Road (Route 18) in Ontario, just 24 miles east of midtown Rochester

Degree Days Measure Weather

RG&E measures weather conditions by using a "Degree Day" system which indicates the relative coldness of a period of time.

Degree Days are figured by subtracting the mean temperature (which is the average of the high and low temperatures) from 65°F. For

example, if the day's high is 40°F and the low is 10°F, the mean is 25°F, which when subtracted from 65°F will give you 40 Degree Days for that day.

This Degree Day chart shows how the season continues to be considerably colder than last year, and also much colder than normal.

Month	Normal	1975-76	1976-77	% Difference From Last Year
September	126	194	173	11% Warmer
October	398	365	538	47% Colder
November	735	525	879	67% Colder
December	1138	1146	1279	12% Colder
January	1271	1395	1524	9% Colder
February	1126	914	1103	21% Colder
March	992	858	777	9% Warmer
April	567	507	523	3% Colder
Season to Date	6388	5922	6834	15% Colder

* These are the Degree Days in the actual calendar months. Your monthly bill probably will not correspond to the calendar month so it may include more or less Degree Days depending on the dates it covers.

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