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Billing Options for Summer Vacationers

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If you are planning an extended vacation this summer you have several options for handling your RG&E bills while you are away.

You can ask to have your bill mailed to your forwarding address so you can stay up-to-date in your payments. When you return you must notify us to remove the special mailing address, otherwise the bills would continue to be sent to your vacation address.

Or you can request that your meter not be read and that you not receive a bill until you return. This way you will receive only one bill for the gas and electricity used while you were away.

Finally, you can ask for a final read on your account if you will be away for four months or more. However, the service will be shut off, preventing use of lighting for "protective" purposes, and stopping operation of all appliances including your freezer, sump pump, and heating system. This procedure will close out your account, so you will need to reestablish it when your return. You will be asked to give a forwarding address for your final bill which will take about three weeks to process.

Call 546-1111 to make the arrangements. Please give as much advance notice as possible, and be sure to

notify RG&E when you return. Meanwhile, enjoy your summer!

RMSC's Folk Festival June 25

Over 35 nationality groups and community organizations from greater-Rochester will participate in the 7th annual Folk Festival Saturday, June 25 on the grounds of the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Hours are 12 noon - 6 p.m. (rain date June 26).

Among those new to this year's line-up of participants are Action for a Better Community, Monroe County Board of Elections, Flash in the Pan, and the Wholistic Health Education Committee. So amid the gaiety of the Highland Fling and balalaika music and the aroma of eggrolls and tamales, you can become a "citizen" advocate, register to vote, get made up as a clown, and learn how to expand your mind while trimming your body. The RMSC has also invited aboard a coalition of its sister institutions representing the Genesee Valley Arts Foundation, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Landmark Society among others, who will have information for festival visitors on Rochester's cultural resources.

Attendance at last year's Folk Festival reached an all-time high, when an estimated 25,000 persons visited the museum and science center complex.

Visit RG&E's Brookwood Science Information Center This Sunday

RG&E's Brookwood Science Information Center will be open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come out and spend some time with us. Maybe you would like to know more about our plans for nuclear power...RG&E's proposed facilities at Sterling, New York...Alternate energy sources like solar, wind and geothermal. Whatever, our business is energy and we like to talk about it. Our experienced staff is available to answer your questions.

In addition to the film and slide programs our staff presents, you will see several animated displays with taped

narrations that illustrate the generation of electricity. You can even produce your own electricity with our hand crank generators.

Brookwood is fun and educational. There is no charge for admission or parking. Special group arrangements can be made by writing or calling: Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, Department 34, 89 East Avenue, Rochester, New York, 14649, 546-2700, extension 2225.

Come visit us today. Brookwood is just 24 miles east of midtown Rochester on Lake Road in Ontario, New York.

Choose a Ground Fault Interrupter That Best Meets Your Electrical Safety Needs

Most electrical shocks are the result of ground faults. A ground fault will occur when the electric current being supplied to a circuit tries to return to its source through the ground rather than through the return wire.

This situation can occur when using a defective appliance or other electric

equipment, or when you come in contact with a live wire and you become the path for the current to travel to the ground.

The ground fault interrupter (GFI) is a device that will detect any imbalance in current flow and instantly trigger a switch to stop the flow of electricity before it can hurt you.

There Are Two Different Methods to Protect Your Home

Ground fault interrupters can provide protection to either a circuit (involving several outlets) or to provide protection to individual outlets.

If you have a fairly new electrical panel box with circuit breaker protection on each circuit, you may be able to replace an individual circuit breaker in the panel box with a GFI circuit breaker. This would provide ground fault protection to every outlet on that particular circuit. If you don't have enough capability in your existing panel box and want to add extra circuits to your home, you can install an auxiliary panel box with GFI circuit breakers. These methods protect from dangerous ground faults all outlets on the circuits involved.

An alternate method is to install a GFI at an individual outlet (either indoors or outdoors) providing individual protection against a ground fault on any device plugged into that outlet. This second method minimizes nuisance tripping which may occur when the entire circuit is protected.

The Underwriters' Laboratories recommends that all GFI installations be tested monthly to ensure operation. This can be done easily by the homeowner. Most GFIs have a testing device built-in. Usually it is a color-coded button designated "Push to Test." This will simulate a ground fault and indicate whether the unit is operating properly.

For more information about GFIs fill out and return the coupon on this page or call 546-2700, extension 2225 for a copy of our "Shock Stopper" booklet, or contact your local electrician.

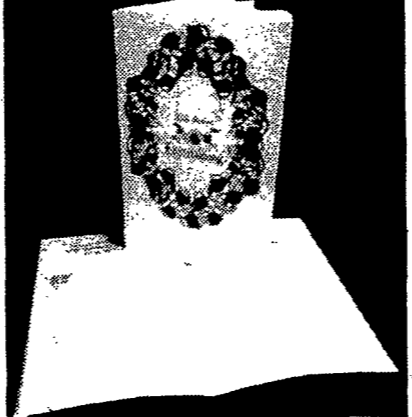


RG&E Wiring Specialist explains advantages of installing GFI to customer.

"Year 'Round Entertaining" Booklet Available to Help You Use Energy Wisely

June is a popular month for entertaining. Graduations, weddings, birthdays, whatever the occasion, electricity and natural gas will be used in many ways to make your preparations easier and your party more fun.

RG&E's Home Service Department has developed a



booklet entitled, "Year 'Round Entertaining." This booklet contains some delightful recipes for entertaining along with some energy conservation tips on using electricity and natural gas wisely and safely when preparing foods.

Energy Conservation does not mean doing without the conveniences made possible through the use of electricity and gas but making that energy go a little farther by eliminating some wasteful practices.

This is one of the many ways RG&E is helping you to save energy. After all, saving energy is saving money.

To get your complimentary copy, fill out and return the coupon on this page.

FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS COUPON TO: CJ-50
 Dept. 34 Rochester Gas and Electric
 89 East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14649
 546-2700

I would like more information on the following items:

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 Town _____ Zip Code _____