

Spring Clean-Up and Remodeling



IT'S SPRING...CLEAN UP ON SAFETY

With the arrival of spring, homeowners' thoughts turn to checking the inside and outside of their houses for safety hazards.

There are some good reasons for performing this annual spring cleaning and repair. Royal-Globe Insurance Companies remind you that a poorly maintained home can be dangerous. Accidents in the home kill approximately 27,000 people in the country and injure more than 4.2 million each year.



An analysis shows that falls account for 9,800 of the accidents, fires, 2,600 and poisonings, 2,600. Home accidents kill more children aged one through 14 years than all of the next six causes of death combined.

One of the hazards you should check your home for is unsafe walking surfaces which may cause falls. Some preventive measures include: buffing floors thoroughly to remove excess wax, oil or grease; adequately lighting all traffic areas, especially stairs, and repairing all loose boards and floor coverings.

To prevent fires, a homeowner should clean out the basement and closets, discarding old newspapers, boxes, magazines, rags and junk which may have accumulated over the years. Throw out old paint or solvent containers holding only small amounts of their original contents.

Another source of fires is deficient electrical wiring. About one in eight home fires results from wiring faults or defective appliances.

Today, the average homeowner uses about six times as much electricity in his or her home as was used 25 years ago. There is a good chance that an older home

is inadequately wired. You may have this problem if signs of trouble in an appliance goes on, fuses or circuit breakers trip out frequently, the television picture shrinks or your rooms are short of outlets. To make sure your home is correctly wired, with adequate power service and protection, you should have all wiring installed and checked by a qualified electrician to comply with the National Electrical Code, the National Electric Safety Code, and state and local ordinances.

Spring cleaning also involves the use of a lot of household chemicals. These chemicals can be killers if swallowed by a child. Always read the product's label and follow instructions, especially the precautionary information. Keep these chemicals out of the sight and reach of children when not in use. Other potentially hazardous areas are the garage which may contain auto supplies and the cellar in which pesticides and insecticides may be stored. These supplies should be kept in locked cabinets or placed on very high shelves.

Outside, the homeowner should rake up the leaves and branches accumulated in the yard during winter.

An accumulation of leaves on the roof and in gutters is a fire hazard. They should be removed. Also, take a look at your chimney for any cracks or loose bricks which are fire and safety hazards. Repair concrete steps and sidewalks which may have become damaged by winter's snow and ice. Besides the safety factor, an early repair job can prevent costly masonry work later.

You shouldn't forget your automobile during your spring cleaning. A tune-up will ensure that it is in good working condition for the pleasant months ahead. When removing your snow tires, it is a good idea to rotate your tires for longer wear.

Also, you'll want to make sure all salt has been cleaned from the interior and exterior of the car. You should hose under the car to wash away salt which may have built up during the winter months.

And, while you're there, clean out the trunk. Remove the shovel, sand and other wintertime aids you packed last autumn, and recheck your jack, spare tire, flares and so forth.

Royal-Globe wants to remind you that when you protect your home and auto, you protect your family.

Hints for HOMEMAKERS

Here's An Easy Way To Cook Good Food Fast

There's good news for anyone interested in economical, quick and easy ways to cook good food.

According to microwave experts, the steadily rising cost of energy adds to microwaves' appeal. By 1985, it has been predicted, about 10 million microwave cooking appliances will be in use in the United States. That's about one out of every two homes. This year's production that



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calorie counters. Some say the whole world of microwave cookery has been enhanced.

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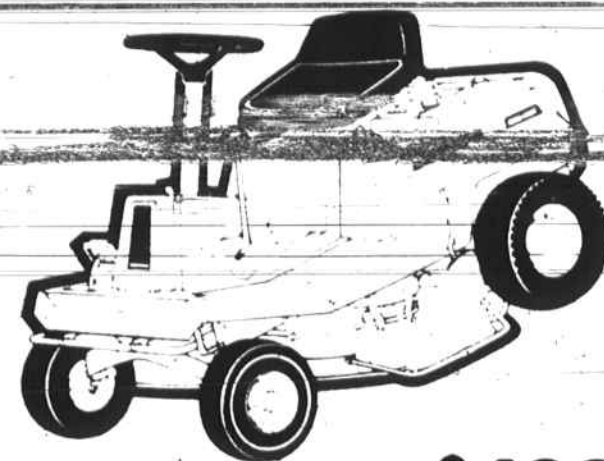
In addition, the people at Corning who created the

browner, have also developed a new line of special microwave cooking utensils. The new shapes and sizes of these dishes help microwave oven owners get the most out of their equipment, yet this glass and glass-ceramic cookware can also be used in conventional cooking and for serving and storage too. With aids like these, you can get a lot of good meals out of a microwave with very little effort.



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If you need a saw that performs basic operations—such as crosscutting, ripping, mitering and beveling—yet want a saw that's capable of much more complicated operations such as compound angle cutting, you may be in the market for a radial arm saw.



ONE IMPORTANT FEATURE of a radial saw is rugged construction.

With a radial arm saw and the right accessories and attachments, you can also do such tasks as dadoing, shaping, moulding, sanding and routing—all with professional speed and accuracy.

Just as important as the features, is the saw's construction, which should be rugged for lasting value and performance. A saw, such as the new 10-inch Radial Saw from Rockwell, has track and column support made completely of cast iron, with a motor carriage that is ball-bearing for smooth operation and long life.

Other important features to look for in a radial saw are an automatic blade brake, safe up-front controls, a safety switch that can be re-

moved to prevent accidental starting of the machine, a metric conversion on the rip scale, capacitor start motor for maximum power and durability and a standard leaf guard to guard the lower blade.

Remember: Always look for a saw that gives you the most optional features. They will become increasingly important as your projects increase in sophistication.



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