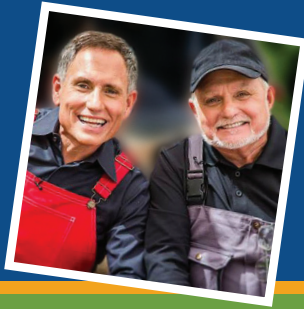


On the House

With the Carey Brothers
Tips of the Month



SPRING FORWARD REMINDER

It's that time again, time to spring forward or be an hour late. When you reset clocks in the spring and fall check smoke alarm batteries and back-up batteries in all household safety systems such as carbon-monoxide detectors and burglar-alarm control panels. Many other electronic products have back-up batteries, that save stored information or keep them operating in a power failure. Memory in telephones and answering machines and even some alarm clocks and sprinkler timers are examples. In fact, time changes should be a reminder to do all sorts of things — like replacing filters in air conditioners and furnaces, changing the direction of ceiling fans (forward in summer, reverse in winter) and resetting programmable thermostats.

GAS IS NOT DIRTY

You've decided to cut energy costs in the kitchen by upgrading your appliances. A friend suggested converting to a gas cooktop and it sounded like a good idea. Except as you recall, mom always talked about how dirty gas was. Not the case anymore. Gas seemed dirty in bygone days, because range hoods and exhaust fans were neither readily available nor properly engineered/installed. Today, that's no longer the case. Yes, gas gets hot faster and is a more cost-efficient source of heat — but remember — when converting from an electric cooktop to gas, make sure to upgrade the range hood as well. Look for a hood that exhausts the number of cubic feet of air per minute recommended by the cooktop maker. Remember: A hood for an electric cooktop must exhaust only vapors from cooking food. A hood for a gas cooktop must also exhaust burner gasses.

COMBATting MILDEW THE SAFE AND EASY WAY

Being locked up for a long winter usually means lots of indoor moisture and humidity caused by showering, cooking and doing laundry. And where there's moisture, mold and mildew usually aren't too far behind. Showers, tubs, window frames and sills, and even walls and ceilings often look like a full-blown science experiment! What to do? The folks that make Wet & Forget Outdoor, the safe and effective 'no scrub' means of getting rid of mold, mildew and algae outdoors, have come up with Wet & Forget Indoor Mold & Mildew Disinfectant Cleaner. The convenient spray and wipe formula cleans, deodorizes and disinfects all-in-one! Simply spray the contaminated surface, wait 10 minutes and wipe dry with a clean cloth, sponge, mop or allow to air dry. It gets better. Now that you have mildew under control, it's time to tackle your grungy shower with the new Wet & Forget Weekly Shower Spray. Simply spray Wet & Forget Shower once a week on fixtures, shower curtains, enclosures, shower glass, shower tiles and tubs after the last shower of the day. The next day, simply rinse the surfaces before or during your shower to keep it sparkling clean. No bleach, ammonia or irritating fumes. What could be better? www.wetandforget.com.



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