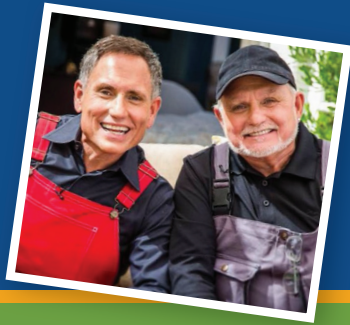


On the House

With the Carey Brothers
Tips of the Month



PREVENTING CLOGGED GUTTERS

A single leaf landed in one of our gutters and positioned itself over the downspout and acted like a plug. The gutters overflowed, flooded our kitchen and caused over thirty thousand dollars in damage. We weren't about to let that happen again so we went searching for a gutter protection system. We discovered all sorts of systems – louvers, screens, caps and more. We wanted a system that would block all kinds of leaves and pine needles. We also didn't want the system to be visible from the street or to affect the curb appeal of our home. We selected GutterBrush. As the name implies, the system consists of short sections of a cylinder shaped brush that fills the gutter. It looks like a big bottle brush. The best part is that it performs like a champ and you can't see it from the street because it tucks neatly into the gutter. GutterBrush does a great job of blocking leaves and needles and is simple to install. All you need is a ladder – no tools. Simply bend the wire core when rounding corners. GutterBrush is available in various sizes from 3¼" - 8." For more information visit gutterbrush.com or call 1-888-397-9433.



PLUG COVER PLATES THAT DO COOL THINGS

We recently encountered a new product that we had not seen before – an electrical receptacle cover plate with a built-in LED night-light that doesn't require batteries. The SnapPower Guidelight has two clips on the back of the cover plate that automatically begin drawing power from the receptacle once the cover plate has been installed. Removal and replacement of the cover plate is all that it takes to make the change. The cover doesn't hamper the use of either of the two outlets. The wattage used is less than most conventional night-lights and during the day it turns itself off. And because the LED's are located at the bottom edge of the plate they do a great job of lighting the floor and literally out of sight when not in use. The amount of illumination is perfect – just bright enough to see, yet not bright enough to keep you awake. SnapPower has also invented a cover plate with a built-in USB charger. A USB charger built into a receptacle isn't a new idea, but the SnapPower Charger has the USB charger located on the cover plate – instead of the receptacle. Consequently, anyone can add a USB charger to any receptacle in less than a minute – and without knowing anything about electricity. Both products have a MSRP of \$15.00. For more information visit snappower.com.



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