

Some Improvement Tips For Local Homeowners

Spring Home Improvement time is here. In communities across the nation, civic-minded citizens are out to brighten up their homes.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters suggests that spring home improvement time can be given double meaning and double value by checking the home at the same time for fire hazards.

Here's one procedure you may follow:

Begin in the attic. Are there piles of old newspapers, magazines, broken furniture, old clothing, and other combustible items which you no longer need?

You can take a spring home improvement step and at the same time eliminate potential fire hazards by throwing out these combustibles.

The same goes for the cellar. Remember many home fires start in the basement and stacks of magazines and papers, discarded furniture and old rags often supply the fuel the fire feeds on. Clean out the basement, too, and make it fire-safe.

The same goes for the older rooms in the house. Clean out old clothes and unneeded papers stored in closets, and put shelves and cupboards in order.

Keep flammable liquids, such as turpentine, preferably in tightly sealed metal containers. Bottles are likely to break. And do not store flammable liquids near source of heat or ignition.

Gasoline should never be used for any household purpose. Use non-combustible cleaning fluids.

If you must keep a quantity of gasoline on hand for the lawnmower or outboard motor, keep it in an approved safety can in the garage—never in a glass jug. And never smoke in the garage.

When cleaning up the yard, be careful if you burn leaves. Because yard fires can easily get out of hand, some cities do not permit them.

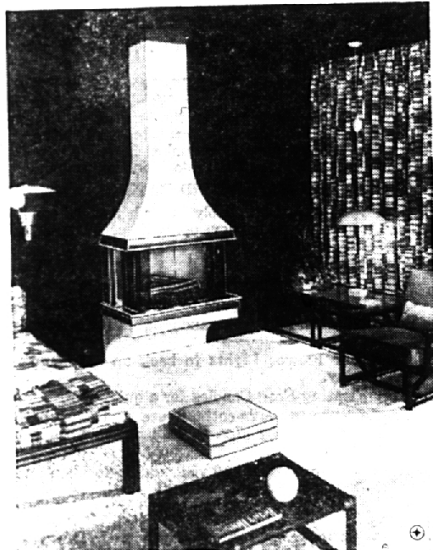
Check your local fire department regulations before starting such a fire. Some communities require a fire department permit. However, if you burn leaves or trash follow these precautions:

- 1) Never light an outdoor fire on a windy day.
- 2) Set out, and attach, your garden hose. Keep it handy until the fire is completely out.
- 3) Use a wire mesh basket or a metal container with a cover to burn in. Set it well away from buildings, fences, dry grass or other combustibles.
- 4) Keep children away.
- 5) Stay with your fire until it is out and the ashes are cool enough to touch.

Free Idea Booklet Sparks Modernizing

A wealth of ideas for modernizing the home can be culled from a new Do-it-yourself booklet, "What's What in Home Modernization," now available free of charge.

The booklet offers a rundown on ways to improve your home, indoors and outdoors. Every homeowner who has been planning to modernize his home should know the many ways steel can help the job go faster, last longer and give full satisfaction.



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Care In Handling Of Painting Jobs Urged by Board

Here are some tips for decorators who may be sprucing up their homes with painting jobs during spring home improvement.

1) Don't smoke in a room in which paints are being mixed, says the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

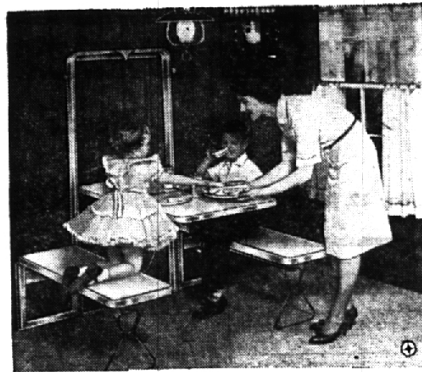
2) While painting, keep a window or two partly open to prevent the accumulation of paint fumes.

3) Throw away paint and oil-soaked rags after the painting job, or keep them in a closed metal container. They can heat up from chemical action and burst into flames.

Trees Grow Old, Decline in Vigor

Why can't mature trees be kept forever, the forest lover asks?

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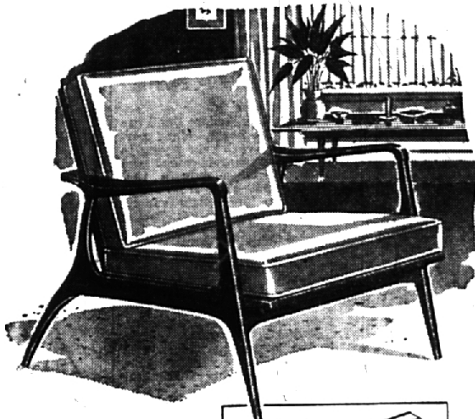
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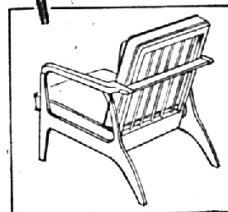
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