

FHA Folder Gives Hints On Home Modernization

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Is your home the one out of five that needs a new roof? Or perhaps it is the one out of six that needs new siding? These are figures from a new folder just released by the FHA Title One office in Washington. That's the organization that makes FHA-insured loans up to \$3,500 for home improvements and modernization.

IN ITS NEW folder, the FHA organization points out that not only are many homes in need of important basic improvements, but also that often the home owner doesn't realize the condition his house is in.

FHA estimates that from \$5 to \$8 billion are being spent annually on home improvements. But four times that amount should be spent just to keep homes up to date.

AS THE NEW folder points out, the home owner "wins two ways" when he buys vital improvements like roofing and siding. It protects the present investment and adds to it by increasing the home's basic market value. Many of the items bought on the installment plan are either used up or greatly decreased in value by the time the payments are completed. This is not true of home improvements.

WITH THE many new building materials now available, benefits far above simple basic protection are offered to the home owner. Cited as an example is the application of one material, insulating siding, to the walls of an existing home.

Through one application you can expect fuel savings up to 30 per cent, elimination of major painting

expense, reduction in outside noise infiltration, lower inside temperature in summer, and less opportunity for damage from vermin, insects & fungus.

A FREE COPY of the folder can be obtained from the Insulating Siding Association, Glenview, Illinois, which collaborated with FHA in preparation of the folder.

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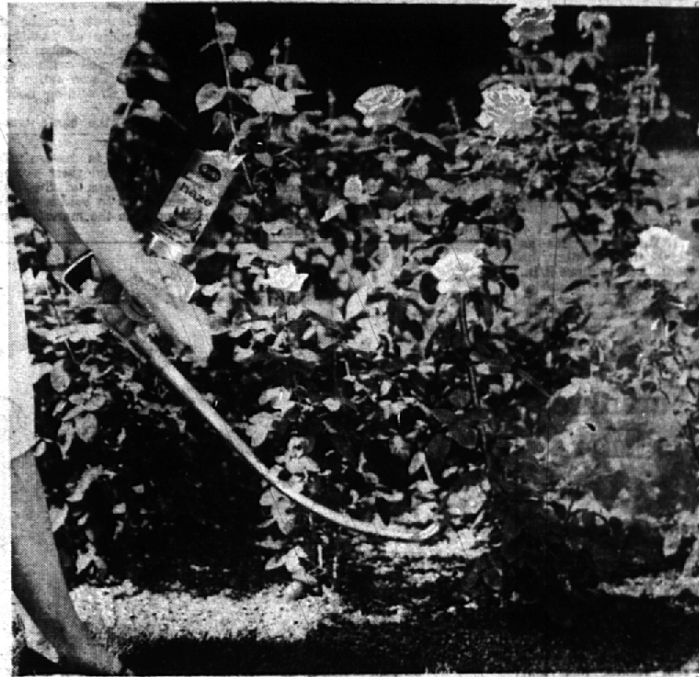


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