Summer Days
Good Time
To Insulate

Summer may seem like an odd time to think about winter comfort and heating economy, but for several reasons it's wise to insulate a house before cold weather sets in.

1. Insulating during the off-season is more convenient because contractors' crews aren't usually busy at this time.

2. The house will be fully insulated in time to provide extra comfort during the cool autumn nights that arrive well before winter.

3. A FAMILY will benefit during summer heat waves because, even without air conditioning, a well insulated house will be cooler than one that's inadequately insulated. The difference is often much cooler than one is not insulated at all.

4. Skillfully built houses can be properly insulated today, regardless of the style, age or exterior building materials. The most popular way to insulate an existing house is by having mineral wool blown into attic floors between joists and into the spaces between wall studs.

Mineral wool insulation contractors use special pneumatic hose to force the insulation into every crack to form a complete blanket around the living area of a house.

ONE WAY to be sure a house is insulated thoroughly is to follow the Quality Home Requirements of the National Mineral Wool Insulation Association.

These soundly call for "blowing wool" or batts or blankets of mineral wool to be blown to provide a resistance to heat loss of 0.10 or 0.12 in ceilings, 0.11 in walls and 0.13 in floors over unheated spaces.

The higher the "R" number, the greater the ability of the heat to stop the passage of heat.

Insulating a new addition or attic—where joists or studs are exposed—is a job that many families successfully do themselves.

BUILDING materials dealers have mineral wool batts and blankets labeled with "R" numbers to make selection easy.

Garden Center
Has Fascinating
Array of Plants

Has your family ever been exposed to the fascinating array of plants found in the modern nursery or garden center? Although standards of one location all the better plants that will grow in the general area, including many plants which have not been known in the past as likely to thrive.

A trip to a nursery can be educational as well as entertaining. Many nurseries have "special event" days or weeks when certain types of flowers are at their best.

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PRACTICALLY ALL of the shrubs and trees around homes in suburban areas are in a nursery, where one can see them all together at once.

It is a wonderful opportunity to compare the growth habits and hardiness characteristics of all kinds of plants from vines that climb over the ground to those which may have a life expectancy of many hundreds or even thousands of years.

Here you can see the beauty they bring into our lives.

Double Duty

Here's a combined living-family room with design features allowing it to function not only as a sitting area, but also as a hobby center reflecting the family's outdoor interests. Versatile furniture and thermopane window walls allow family members to read, work, dine and entertain in the spaciousness of close indoor-outdoor unity.

Yard Fireplaces More Popular

Surveys indicate that this year's yard trend will be a "fast-five grill" nearly 90 percent of all U.S. families will try this fun and simple way of cooking meat and vegetables over a fire or Portable grill at least once. For more than half of the families, cooking and using outdoor facilities will be a regular event.

And when portable grills are skillfully used, there's a trend back to yard fireplaces and grills among outdoor cooking enthusiasts. The outdoor fireplace not only is an excellent spot for heating steaks, chicken, or hamburgers, but can be a focal point for a landscaping plan.

WHEN SUCH a unit is con-

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