

# ANDY ONCALL® Newsletter



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## About ANDY ONCALL®?

- Established in 1993
- Free Estimates
- Locations nationwide
- No job too small
- No pay till job okay
- Qualified craftsmen
- Background Checks
- Fully Insured
- Price by the job, not the hour
- Day and Evening appointments
- Written Warranty on labor
- No Markup on Materials

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## Spring Home Maintenance Reminders

Spring fever has arrived! Warmer weather and longer daylight hours, reminds us it's time for spring home maintenance. It is not recommended to delay or ignore regular home maintenance. Keeping your house well maintained can affect the overall value of your home.

Here are some standard maintenance suggestions:

- Check cement for cracks. Temperature changes can implement cracks. Simple cement caulk can mend smaller cracks.
- Use sealants to protect decks, porches, railings and fences from the blistering sun and heat. Also improving their appearance.
- Install ceiling fans to circulate cooler air and help reduce AC costs.
- Clear outdoor drains of debris.
- Clean fireplaces and chimney's using a professional chimney sweep.
- Inspect roof for wear and tear.
- Service AC unit - Coolant levels should be checked.
- Inspect basement and crawlspaces for water damage.
- Check and maintain indoor/outdoor plumbing. Extreme temperatures can cause leaks.
- Evaluate insulation within your home and replace if necessary.
- Clean lights and glass fixtures, especially on outdoor lights. Keeping these clean will ensure optimum light output.

Don't have the time or you are unsure how to maintain and make the proper repairs? Call **ANDY ONCALL®**!

## ANDY's Helpful Tips!

Uses for everyday home items:

### **Aluminum Foil**

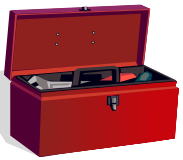
- Don't have a scrub pad? Crumple up a handful of aluminum foil and use it to scrub your pots.
- Sharpen scissors with left over foil. Flatten foil into multiple layers then fold. Simply use scissors to cut the foil, 7 or 8 cuts should do the trick.
- Reattach loose vinyl floor tile. Lay a piece of aluminum foil down over loose tile. Then run a clothes iron over it a few times to reheat the glue. Press firmly or use a weight to apply pressure until the glue fully dries.

### **Bottles**

- Create a bug trap to catch yellow jackets, flies, wasps etc.... Empty 2-liter bottle, dissolve  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water in the bottle. Then add a cup of apple cider vinegar and a banana peel or other sweet fruit. Screw on the cap and give it a good shake. Then fill halfway with cold water. Cut or drill  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch holes near the top of the bottle. Tie string around it and hang in a tree branch. When the trap is full, toss it in the garbage and make another one.

### **Lemons**

- Deodorize your garbage disposal with lemon or orange peels once a month.
- Polish chrome, simply rub lemon rind over the chrome and watch it shine. Rinse well and dry with a soft cloth.
- Freshen up your fridge. Add lemon juice to a cotton ball and place in refrigerator to add a fresh scent.



## Energy Efficiency



This season offers us a great opportunity to see how and where we can make our lives a little more energy efficient. Try these tips for an energy smart season!

- Clean out your refrigerator, including the seals around the door.
- Try not to overstock refrigerators which can block air circulation.
- Check the temperature. Maintain the refrigerator at 36°F and the freezer at 0°F for optimum efficiency and food safety.
- Defrost freezer when ice is more than 5mm thick.
- Purchase self-cleaning ovens. These save energy because they are better insulated than conventional ovens.
- Install low-flow showerheads and flow reducer devices on taps.
- Replace toilets if over 10 years old. New efficient toilets reduce the amount of water used to flush from 80% to 50%.
- Use cold water rinse while doing laundry. Saves energy and clothes will rinse cleaner and wrinkle less.
- Wash the lint screen in your dryer at least once a year with a tooth brush. This removes built up film left by fabric softeners and dryer sheets.
- Avoid drying only partial loads.
- Avoid over-drying clothes. This uses extra electricity and sets in wrinkles. Use a cool-down or permanent press cycle. Drying continues but no heat is added.

### ANDY's Refer a Friend Program!

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