

ANDY ONCALL® Newsletter



Summer 2009

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- No pay till job okay
- Qualified craftsmen
- Background Checks
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Summer Home Maintenance Reminders

Summertime is here meaning it is playtime outside. But this is also the season for many unintentional injuries in the home. The Home Safety Council dedicates the month of June - Home Safety Month - to educate and empower both families and businesses to take actions that will make homes safe.

Standard summertime maintenance & safety suggestions:

- Install grab bars in the tub and shower.
- Install bright lights over stairs and steps and on landings.
- Install handrails on both sides of the stairs and steps.
- Use a ladder for climbing instead of a stool or furniture.
- Use baby gates at the top and bottom of the stairs, if babies or toddlers live in or visit your home.
- Lock poisons, cleaners, medications and all dangerous items in a place where children and pets can't reach them.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas.
- Build a shed with a lock for storing your lawn equipment, gasoline, pesticides, and pool and/or spa chemicals.
- Install a fence around your pool and/or spa with a locking gate.
- Keep your hot water at or below 120 degrees F to prevent burns.
- Make sure smoke alarms are working or even install fire sprinklers if building a new home.
- Cover the ground under playground equipment with a thick layer (9 - 12 inches) of mulch, wood chips, or other safety material.

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:

Vinegar

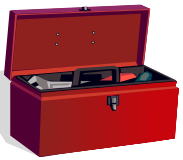
- Use equal parts of white vinegar and hot water to clean your mini-blinds or venetians. Give them the "white glove" treatment moistening the fingers tips in the solution and wiping each slat. Rinse the finger tips occasionally in a bucket of clean water.
- Get rid of smoke odor by placing a bowl of white or cider vinegar in the room where the smell is strongest. This works on the smoke smell from burnt foods or cigarette smoke. The odor should be gone in less than a day.

WD-40

- You were fixing things around the house with that super-strong glue, but you decided not to wear protective gloves and some of it is stuck to your fingers. Reach for the WD-40 and spray it directly on your sticky fingers and rub your hands together until they are sticky no more.

Nail Polish

- Prevent rusty toilet seat screws --- if you're installing a new toilet seat, keep those screws from quickly rusting by painting them with a coat or two of clear nail polish; it will also help prevent seat wobble by keeping the screws in place.
- Label poison containers by painting an unmistakable "X" on the label and cap or spout in a dark red or other highly visible nail color.



Energy Efficiency



The summer season generally means hot days, but there are ways in which we can stay cool and make our lives a little more energy efficient. Try these tips for an energy smart season!

- Maintain room temperature at 77 degrees F. This is a comfortable temperature while lessening AC running time and operating costs.
- When outdoor temperatures drop below 77 degrees F, shut off your air conditioner and open the windows.
- Use a box fan, ceiling fan, or fan in a room to further circulate cooled air.
- Purchase the most energy efficient air conditioner possible within your price range.
- Avoid setting the air conditioner at a colder setting than normal when it is first turned on. This will not cool the room faster. It will only cool to a lower temperature than required wasting energy and money.
- Schedule heat generating activities such as doing laundry and baking for the coolest part of the day.
- Cook using a microwave oven, small appliance, or outdoor barbeque.
- Close your drapes during the hottest part of the day to block out the sun.
- Surround your home with a green belt - trees and shrubs that offer shade in the summer, but gives way to allowing the sun to heat in the winter after the leaves have fallen.

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