

ANDY ONCALL® Newsletter



Summer 2016

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June is National Home Safety Month!

Home Safety Checklist

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.

Things you need to have a safe home:

- Deadbolt locks and heavy-duty strike plates
- Outdoor security lighting that is timer or motion-detector controlled
- Carbon monoxide alarms & smoke detectors on every level of your home
- Bright lights over stairs and steps and on landings
- Handrails on both sides of the stairs and steps
- Window treatments free of dangling cords if small children are present
- Baby gates at the top and bottom of the stairs, if babies or toddlers live in or visit your home
- Fire extinguisher
- A ladder for climbing instead of a stool or furniture
- Childproof safety latches on cabinets that contain cleaning materials
- Electrical outlets that are fitted with ground-fault circuit interrupters
- Individual shut-off valves for each gas appliance
- List of emergency numbers located prominently near the phone
- Grab bars within easy reach in each tub and shower stall
- Anti-scald shower/tub water controls
- Hot water heater set at or below 120 degrees F to prevent burns
- Up-to-date first-aid kit
- Fire-escape ladder (if bedrooms are above main levels)
- A fence around your pool and/or spa with a locking gate
- A shed with a lock for storing your lawn equipment, gasoline, pesticides, and pool and/or spa chemicals

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ANDY's Helpful Tips!

Cold weather can take a toll on any home, but here are some tips to get your home back in shape.

Clean the walkway - pressure wash the walkway and replace any damaged pavers or bricks or fill concrete cracks with a masonry filler.

Clean the gutters - clean leaves and debris from your gutters and look for any leaks in your gutters or downspouts the next time it rains.

Clean the deck - use a deck brush or power washer plus deck-cleaning solution to remove mold, dirt, and mildew. If the finish is worn, you will want to reseal it in a few days after it has had time to dry.

Repair the siding - inspect for any damaged pieces or post-winter rot, then use a nylon scrub brush or power washer plus an all-purpose cleaner to remove dirt and mold from vinyl, aluminum, or engineered wood siding. Now touch up any faded stain or chipped paint.

Clean the AC condenser - shut down the power on the electric panel, then clear away any leaves or branches lodged in the unit. Wash down all the coils with a garden hose. If you find any chewed wires, call a pro to repair them.

Energy Efficiency



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

- Add caulk and/or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- Remember three important words: **TURN IT OFF**. Don't leave the video game on pause, or the computer in sleep mode. Those electronics are still using energy, even when you aren't using them.
- Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- Postpone laundry and dishwashing until nighttime to avoid generating extra heat in your home. Also, consider taking advantage of the warmer air and dry your laundry outside.
- Close blinds, drapes and shades during the hottest part of the day. This keeps the strong sunlight from heating your home.
- Consider installing a ceiling fan. During hot weather a ceiling fan will create a cool breeze and keep the air circulating in your home.
- If you have a pool, turn off your filter overnight when the pool is not in use.



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