

End Problem Of 'Biting' Doorknobs

When doorknobs "bite" in winter months you are probably aware that static electricity is the culprit.

But are you aware that there is a remedy - other than replacing expensive nylon carpeting?

Home comfort experts explain that static electricity is inevitably produced when these conditions are present: Cold air is heated and confined indoors, while moisture content (humidity) is depleted.

The antidote for static electricity and other ills of moisture-stripped air, is a portable humidifier. New models available today will properly humidify the average four bed-room home.

Try Tile Border In Dining Room

Colored borders of vinyl asbestos tile are very effective in dining rooms. The Better Floors Council suggests setting off the dining table with a row of tile a few feet from the wall. The color of this border could match the draperies or chair-cover fabric.



EVERGREENS WILL REMAIN GREEN AND HEALTHY through the winter if you protect their roots from "winter burn." A blanket of loosely piled leaves, brush, and dry grass around the base of the tree or shrub provides just the simple and effective protection needed.

Winter Mulch Preserves The Green In Evergreens

The falling leaves that will be drifting by your window this fall can help protect your evergreens from "winter burn." They can help, that is, if you make the proper use of them.

"Winter burn" is actually damage that occurs when roots imprisoned in hard, cold soil are unable to replace the moisture lost through the foliage during periods of warm winter weather.

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Association of Nurserymen, a blanket of loosely piled leaves, brush, and dry grass around the base of the tree or shrub provides just the simple and effective protection needed.

The winter mulch you create when you rake your lawn should be deep enough to store moisture and warmth, but at the same time it must be airy. If the leaves tend to mat down (as maple leaves will, for instance), arrange the mulch in thin layers with bits of brush between them. A depth of from four to 12 inches is indicated, depending on how cold you think it will be this winter.

SPEAKING OF evergreens,

the nurserymen point out that this is a good time of year to plant them, and since they keep their good looks all year around they'll be especially welcome in the season that's on its way.

Plan to plant the shrubs or trees where you can see them from your window for a touch of cold-weather cheer. As entrance plantings they'll add a special note of welcome.

And if you've been planning to move some of your evergreens, perhaps to provide a screen or border for a special area of the yard, this is a safe season for transplanting. Be sure to dig holes of really ample size, and pack the best soil available around the roots in their new location.

With more time this season for special garden activities, the care you give your evergreens -- mulching, planting, or transplanting -- will pay happy rewards.

If you do not have time to arrange your bouquets of flowers as soon as you cut them, place them in a bucket of water. A 10-minute wait on a hot day can ruin an otherwise beautiful bouquet.

Old School Building Becomes Apartments

Builders and developers are learning new ways to meet the persistent demand for multi-family dwellings.

One builder has added a fourth "to" to his curriculum by remodeling old schools into apartments.

The appeal of this approach is the generally central location of schools. They also tend to be well-constructed and to have easily-adaptable lay-outs, with wide corridors, many entries and exits, and sizable open spaces.

BUILDER Norman Kalberer of Rhode Island, who also has converted a YWCA into apartments, remodeled a school that had been vacant for several years.

It was situated on 2.1 acres on a main street in a residential neighborhood. Ten large classrooms and a number of offices were converted into nine spacious apartments.

And there was room on the site for a swimming pool, parking

space and four single-family townhouses.

TO RELIEVE the old-fashioned box-like look, Kalberer erected a new hip roof and removed the massive, unattractive school windows. He substituted casement windows throughout. The vinyl-clad wood sash, with welded insulating glass, requires no exterior painting or maintenance.

In addition, the units help keep fuel bills low and simplify tenants' window-washing chores.

The apartments were fully leased one month after completion. The city fathers are also happy with the remodeling, since it put a formerly tax-exempt property back on the tax rolls.

Tile Affords Wide Texture. Color Choice

If you'd like a unique floor in your home, create one yourself. Vinyl asbestos floor tile is now available in hundreds of colors and patterns in both smooth-surface and embossed designs. This wide choice of color and texture permits almost unlimited design possibilities.

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New Idea: Living Wall

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They are available in 4'x8' panels in three Royalclote wood-grains — Sable Walnut, Honey-Cherry, and Teak.

The versatile panels can convert an entire wall, or just a portion of it, into a decorative shelving area, as they are compatible with other Masonite wood-grains and with Marlstone, an accent panel resembling travertine marble.

Available at lumber and building materials yards with the panels are Sunnite Gold metal shelf brackets for easy insertion into the slotted grooves. Royalclote Sable Walnut shelves in five sizes, and special picture hooks.

Plump Pillows In Dryer

If your decorative pillows, including velvet and corduroy ones, have been looking a little tired lately, they may be fixed by tumbling them in an automatic dryer for five to 10 minutes, say laundry specialists. They won't stay fluffy if allowed to sit in the bottom of the drum, so do remove them when the dryer stops.

An Old Refrain: 'How Dry I Am'

If "How Dry I Am" becomes the unhappy lament of old and young around your house as winter draws near, your problem, more likely than not, is lack of moisture in the atmosphere.

This is a common problem in heated residences throughout the cold season. The answer? A humidifier.

Small and compact, the new portable units are handsome additions to any modern decorator scheme while at the same time providing proper humidification for up to 2,500 square feet of living area.

Easy Care Clothes Ease Mom's Chores

Laundry problems can mount up in the summer time. But this year a widening variety of easy care clothes should give Mom some time for fun in the sun.

"The new styles are reminiscent of the 'good old days' without the laundry problems that women used to face," says Mrs. Kathleen Burton, home economist with the Cooperative Extension Service in Wayne County.

"PUCKER DOMINATES the textures, Seersucker, one of the original no-iron fabrics, is still easy care. But now it's much more sophisticated," she points out.

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