

HOME WORK

Cold weather causes more trouble

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

We just finished one of the roughest Decembers in our history as we experienced bitter cold winds and temperatures with snow levels above normal.

It's been a while since we've talked so much about the winter weather. Snow on roofs has melted, then frozen, to create ice dams and many homeowners are suffering through roof damages.

The winter weather brings other problems that are less obvious. Consumers call for service on their washing machines because the machines won't agitate the clothes after filling with water. Sometimes the cause is nothing more than a cold wall that the washer is located against. An outside wall - which gets very cold during 0° nights - can cause the oil in the washer's transmission to congeal, resulting in a very slow agitation speed. It can also cause the belt to burn up which you may smell when operating the washer.

For anyone who might have this problem I suggest you place a small space heater near the back of the washer and activate it for only an hour or so before laundry time. It may take care of your problem.

Check humidifier

We live in a winter wonderland. During these four months

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We spend "hibernating" inside our homes, we may feel the effects of remaining indoors - dry skin, plugged nasal passages or burning eyes, which can originate from the very air inside a home.

The humidifier, whether it is located on your furnace or it is portable, is critical to keeping your health on an even keel. Is it working, is it clean and is it set on the correct setting to match the temperature drops?

Do you know the origin of the 200 cubic feet of air per minute used to dry clothes when you operate your dryer? It's coming from inside the house. For almost an hour, it is recycling the same old air and you are breathing this very same air.

Why not open a window when you run the dryer and make the inside environment a cleaner one? You won't forget to do so if you put a little note on the front of the dryer door.

Don't vent with foil

I was recently involved with a television story on the safety of dormitory living for college students. I learned that the old system of tinfoil used to vent clothes dryers was still in use. Even today, students are at risk because of the use of a product which is known to cause fires. I hope you or your college-aged children are not using tinfoil or plastic to vent your clothes dryer.

Footnote: I would like to thank the hundreds of people who recently traveled with me to California. I met many who read this newspaper and I had great discussions with everyone. Not wanting to anger those people from California who now live in the state of Michigan, I can only say that my preference is to stay right here in the winter wonderland.

In the bus ride from Los Angeles to Las Vegas we viewed beautiful mountain scenery and a lot of desert. No birds, no insects, no trees, no flowers and guess what, no snow. Pardon me folks, but I'll stick to Michigan, just the way it is. Have a good New Year my dear readers, and keep your chin up. Joe Gagnon

Readers ask about microwave oven, range

Here are letters from readers and responses from the "Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon.

Q: I have a Tappan microwave that is about five or six years old. When food is put in it and it is turned on, it will heat up the food only one out of 20 times. (In other words it only works intermittently.) Is there something that I can check out first or should I take it to the repair shop? (Chuck Holowucky)

A: It sounds like an adjustment is needed on the interlock switches. Take it in.

Q: I have a Kitchen Aid Gas Sealed Burner Glass Cooktop (model no. KGCT30). With all the knobs off the igniter is "clicking" and arcing to ground. It is not as fast as it would normally be when lighting but it is as though there is a voltage leak across the burner switch. I have pulled the plug on the igniter

and am lighting it with a match. Do you have any suggestions? (Jack Sharp)

A: Check for any loose wires to the burner switches behind the knobs. If there aren't any, you could have a defective module.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on *NewsTalk 760, WJR-AM, every Saturday and Sunday morning.* His phone number is (313) 878-9788.

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G	E	L	N	Z	X	B	C	M	L	K	X	W	S
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THE FOLLOWING WORDS ARE HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE. WORDS IN PARENTHESES DO NOT APPEAR IN PUZZLE.

1. BACKGAMMON	13. HIDE (AND) SEEK
2. BADMINTON	14. HOPSCOTCH
3. BRIDGE	15. JACKS
4. CANASTA	16. PARCHEESI
5. CHARADES	17. PING-PONG
6. CHESS	18. PINOCCHLE
7. CROQUET	19. POLO
8. DARTS	20. TAG
9. DOMINOS	21. TIC TAC TOE
10. EUCHRE	22. TWISTER
11. GO FISH	23. WAR
12. GOLF	24. WHIST

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AUTO TALK

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ANSWERS - PUZZLE #11

Rules:

Each Thursday's SCRAMBLER® contains a number of words reading from left, right, diagonally, up or down. Some words begin with letters you've already used in other words. Words from the list that appear as two words (e.g., New Brunswick) could appear in the puzzle in separate places. AT LEAST 10 WORDS MUST BE CIRCLED TO MAKE AN ENTRY VALID.

1. Circle the complete puzzle and include your name, address, and telephone number. Mail your entry to SCRAMBLER® in care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Entries must be in an envelope marked on the lower left corner with the puzzle number. Envelopes that are not marked will not be accepted.
2. You must use the puzzle that appears in this newspaper or a reasonably accurate hand-drawn facsimile. It is not necessary to buy this newspaper in order to enter the contest. Copies of our Observer & Eccentric newspaper may be examined at one of our offices. Machine duplicated entry forms will NOT be accepted.
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