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Run hot water in unused homes, just to be safe

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result in an explosion of the inside a dish-of CARNON De CARNON The formed to here lass week. An engineer theorized that gas was forced through the dish-washer, and a timer or starter relay retained enough theat to gaint e the gas. However, the dishwasher was destroyed, which made it impossible to determine the exact source of ignitic the gas. However, the dishwasher was destroyed, which made it impossible to determine the exact source of ignitic the space is the source of ignition. ignitio

That engineer never heard of such an incident — an explod-

Hydrogen gas has one of the broad-e s t flammable ing dishwasher — before, but he heard stories of small fires near faucets because people had cigarottes in their hand when they opened a hot-water faucet that had not been opened for some time. ranges of any gas. Just about any mixture will

that had not been opened for some time. Later, he told the Navy Occu-pational Safety and Health offi-cial a few old-timera in the water-heating industry, and one of them had reviewed a mishap about a washing machine blow-ing up in the 1960s. be enough to result in an

What it means What does all this mean to

de nothing to prevent this sort of incident from hoppening again, but you, as a resident can de a short assessment to prevent such an occurrence. You need to know that hydro-ges gas can accumulate in hot-water systems that have not operated for a long period of time. There is a risk of some-thing going wrong when you there on a sing site of the check is on pornto-ent is a mick on using site. Ally, there is hardly any risk When you go to start the dish-washer, ask yourceif how long the unit has been vacant. If its more than a couple of weeks, you What does all this mean to you? When you move into a house or apartment that has been vacant for some time, hydrogen gas may have built up in hot water lincs, which coald cause an explosion. The same is true when you

return home from a vacation or open up a vacation home for the summer or winter. Appliance manufacturers can

that hydrogen gas can accumulate in hotwater systems that have not operated for

a long period of time.

Use caution Use caution If you suspect hydrogen gas may have built up in the hot-on all hot-water faucels in the building and letting them run for several minutes. And don't amoke while you're doing it. You know folks, when I write a column like this it makes me realize how important a reader can be when they share their information with all of us. It makes me stop and think and wonder why this kind of knowl-edge is only coming out now. The past couple of years have seen me getting up to my neck in hot water tarks and I am not impressed one little bit on how manufacturers produce a prod-uct. Many of you read my criticism of manufacturers in this country who sell products which causes

need to think about getting rid of any potential gas before you turn on the dishwasher. believe that unless a very severe punishment is placed noto those individuals responsible, it will go

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building new appliances for con-sumers. These appliances have, serious flaws which they seem to discover only after many thou-sands are sold, have recalls which are not really recalls and send service memos on how things need to be repaired, because something was done wrong in the factory. Then you-"advertise" how good a product, you have.

Show hours are 2-9 p.m., Friday, March 16; noon-8 p.m., Saturday, March 17, and noon-5 p.m., Sunday, March 18, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen (located at 10 1/2 Mile Road).



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