

HOME WORK

'How to' clinics scheduled

The Home Depot offers free "how-to" clinics every week for do-it-yourselfers. Clinics last approximately 30-45 minutes each and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. For more information about the clinics, contact your local Home Depot store.

November How-To Clinics are: How to Install an Interior Door, 10 a.m., Sundays; How to Install Ceramic Flooring, 11 a.m., Sundays; How to Fix Paint, 7 p.m., Tuesdays; How to Insulate and Weatherize, 7 p.m., Thursdays; How to Install Pergo Flooring, 10 a.m., Saturdays, and 11 a.m., Saturdays, Energy Clinic.

Frost problem may be traced to door seal

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON machine.

Many times water hammer — or pounding noises — are created by having too much water pressure on the supply line. In cases like a dishwasher or washing machine, you can adjust that pressure by decreasing the pressure by turning the shut-off valves on the water lines. In doing so, please remember that appliances still need a certain amount of water pressure to operate properly.

Freezer has problem

Another reader writes, "I have a new 4-month-old Amana

refrigerator that has some frost deposits around the freezer door. The freezer is located on the bottom. When I open the door, there is frost on the handle side at the bottom. I suspect it is a bad seal but is there a way of confirming my suspicions?"

It is very rare to find a defective seal on a brand new product. Sometimes when the unit is delivered, the door will be removed to get the unit through a small doorway. If the refrigerator door is removed and not reinstalled properly, then bingo — we have the answer.

After the sun sets and it is dark outside, place a flashlight inside both sections of the refrigerator and shut off the kitchen lights. Take a look around all areas of the door seal, which usually means using a little mirror to check areas that are hard to see, such as the bottom. This is the best way to find out where the seal is leaking.

A simple solution

A listener writes: "I listen to your show quite regularly. My kids want me to change the station so they can listen to music but I continue to tell them that

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this man is saving me precious money!

"My wife and I are having a serious problem with our stove. It is a fairly new stove. It is a GE JBP 29GM. We bought it probably five years ago. Sporadically, the stove starts beeping and displaying an F1 where the digital readout is located. We either have to hit cancel or turn on the oven. This happens five or six times a day and has become a nuisance. Do you have any suggestions?"

The solution I'm giving you today is not guaranteed to solve your problem and it is an answer which has caused some people in the computer industry to say I'm crazy, but it works, according to

many people who have tried it. Warm up some white vinegar in a container and dampen a cloth, then wipe off the touch path control. Dry the touch pad using a tissue. Let me know if it works.

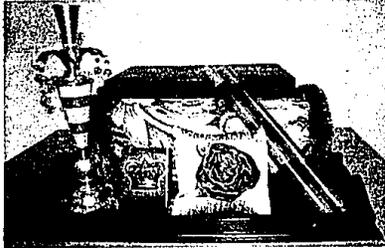
Another reader asked: "When we run our dishwasher, our disposer gives off a bad odor. Any ideas on how to get rid of this?"

Fill your disposer with ice cubes and let them sit in there for an hour. Turn on the water and disposer and let it run for a full minute. Add some peelings from oranges or lemons to give it a little flavor.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Got a question for the Appliance Doctor? E-mail him at kgagnon@oe.how.com, call him at the above number or write to him care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48160.

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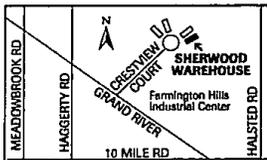
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