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Homeowners Requested To Be Sprucer-Uppers

Homeowners in Farmington today were asked by the American Insurance Association to join in the 1968 Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up campaign.

By sprucing up homes and throwing out trash accumulated during the winter, a householder will not only make his home a brighter and pleasanter place to live, but also will eliminate fire hazards.

"Fire losses in each of the last nine years have totaled more than \$1 billion, and by cleaning up our homes this year we can help reduce the hazards of fire," said J. Dewey Dorsett, president of the American Insurance Association.

"As huge as our fixed property loss is, property can be replaced, but lives lost in fires can't," Mr. Dorsett added.

In each of the last nine years, more than 11,000 persons in the United States have lost their lives in fires, and we should make every effort to reduce this tragic toll. There were 12,000 fire fatalities in the U.S. in 1965.

There were more than 1,300,000 fires in the United States in communities of over 2,500 population last year. Most of these fires could have been prevented because three out of every four fires are the result of carelessness."

Spring Clean-Up Week is observed in communities at different times. Mr. Dorsett said, but in most cities and towns it is observed in April or May.

In hundreds of communities Spring Clean-Up Week is directed by a local committee which informs householders when the week will be observed and tells them what they can do to join in the drive.

Spring Clean-Up Week, in such communities is directed by civic officials, service clubs and other groups, with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other organizations participating in the clean-up campaign.

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Residents of sparsely settled suburban communities, and those living on farms can increase the fire safety of their homes by conducting individual Spring Clean-Up drives.



HELPING TO KEEP Farmington "Clean and Green" are (L. to R.) Farmington City Councilman Pete Peterson and Ken Chappell of Ken and Pete's Barber Shop. Ken and Pete have provided a trash barrel in front of their Grand River Avenue barbershop in a public effort to prevent littering. The trash barrel was made by the Ray-Haven Equipment Company.

Here Are Some Flowering Trees to Think About

BY BOB LEE
Of Aldrich's Nursery

Japanese tree lilac with large creamy-white pyramidal flower clusters in mid-June. Cherry-like bark on the trunk and older branches. Single stem plants develop into a small tree suitable for narrow tree lawn. Leaves large and dark green.

Golden-Rain-Tree, handsome flat-topped small tree. Large clusters of bright yellow flowers in July. Thrives in cities and in many soils withstand drought and heat.

Golden-Chain-Tree, handsome small tree covered with abundant pendulous racemes of golden, bell-shaped flowers in spring. Sourwood tree, white flowers August resembling the Lily-of-the-Valley, leathery foliage. Brilliant Autumn coloring.

Weeping Flowering-Cherry a true weeping flowering tree with small single or double pink flower, early blooming, very graceful.

KWAZIAN Cherry - double pink flowers. Kwazian and yedensins make up the famous display at Washington, D.C. Red-Bud or Judas-Tree, rose-pink flowers in May, all along the bare stems, large heart-shaped leaves.

Pink or white dogwood favorite small tree for sun or shade with red fruit in tiers. Brilliant fall coloring.

Last but not least are the many varieties of the flowering crab which is perhaps the most popular of all the flowering trees.

Idaho Locust, a remarkable tree that will become popular when it is better known. In the spring it blossoms out with large clusters of bright pink flowers resembling sweet peas.

The tree grows rapidly, is thornless, and has handsome dark green compound leaves. Furthermore it is extremely hardy and drought-resistant.

Handy Leaflet Is Available
A leaflet has been prepared by the American Insurance Association to assist civic groups, service clubs, and others in conducting Spring Clean-Up campaigns.

The leaflet is entitled, "A Clean Sweep ... For A Safe Home," and it gives tips on what a householder may do to make his home safe and span and at the same time, clear it of fire hazards.

The pamphlet may be obtained in reasonable quantities from the Association without charge.

Write to American Insurance Association at 110 William Street, New York, N.Y. 10038, if you live in the East; 222 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606, if you live in the Midwest; or write to 465 California Street, San Francisco, California 94104, if you live west of the Rockies.

Understanding your

HEALTH

By Albert E. Heustis, M.D. Director
Michigan Department of Public Health

If you have ever watched professional painters or cement workers at their jobs, you know that they make things look easy. Many of us are prone to think this as we watch them there really isn't much to it, and we jump in feet-first without being sure of our ground.

This can lead to bruised thumbs, frayed tempers, and possible serious health hazards. Now, I don't want you to think I'm saying you shouldn't take on any do-it-yourself projects. No, all I want to do is point out some of the common dangers that can be eliminated by recognizing them before you start in on your project.

IF YOU WILL BE working with cement, there are a few things to watch for. Cement is a strong alkaline solution, and can severely react to your skin, causing a case of skin rash, or dermatitis.

The amount of cement and water, and the length of time the mixture is in contact with your skin determines the extent of the damage caused. To keep cement from harming you, keep it off your skin. You should also wear protective gloves while working, and make sure your clothes remain dry. Any cement that is accidentally spilled on your skin should be washed off immediately.

Laying floor tiles in your recreation room is a fine idea, but you should be very careful with the new adhesives used to hold them in place. These adhesives give off vapors that could be dangerous if there isn't enough fresh air circulated in the room.

As in cement, it is important to keep the adhesives off your skin, and to wash your hands frequently. It has been found that these solvents can cause internal physical damage, and skin dermatitis.

Caution Should
Keynote Spring
Garden Activity

One of the beguiling pleasures of springtime for many millions of Americans is gardening. But the gardener must "end himself as well as his garden if it is pleasure is not to turn to pain. Here are some safety tips from the American

Association for our green-minded citizenry: REMEMBER, one swallow never made a summer, and one 10-hour session the first sunny spring day never made a beautiful garden, but might make a bed-bound gardener. Take it easy at the beginning, take frequent rests, and work at a sensible pace.

CUTS, SCRATCHES, and bruises are inevitable for the devoted gardener, but keep them minor by washing them at once with warm water and soap and covering with a clean bandage. Tetanus lurks in the soil, so make certain your immunization (and your family's) is up-to-date.

POWER TOOLS, like the auto, can be a boon — but they can also be a menace if handled carelessly. Learn how to use them properly, follow instructions, and keep your mind on the job. Turn off the power mower if you have to leave it unattended for even a moment. The toes you save may be your child's!

PESTICIDES can make a silent spring, ruining your soil and silencing bird-song, or they can help make a gay and colorful spring, depending on your use. Read instructions carefully. Pesticides can cause fatal accidents. So store them out of reach of small children. Make pesticides a boon not a bane.



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Know-How For The Handyman

What with the fix-up season here, household handymen will be getting out their ladders. Remember, they can be treacherous, so here are a few points to watch for:

1. Don't set up the ladder anywhere near overhead electric power cables.
2. Be sure its feet rest on a level, solid surface.
3. Don't climb in a high wind.
4. Test the strength of the rungs of a wooden ladder by laying it FLAT on the ground and standing on each rung in turn.
5. Don't set the ladder against the house at too small an angle, it might tip over backward.

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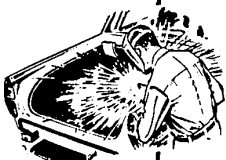
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