### HOME WORK

## Keep it clean, folks, and that goes for toasters and disposers



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Through the meetings I have attended I have learned of some great things planned for American consumers. Sometime this year I will be given clearance to write about them. In today's column, I thought I might touch on some sanitation subjects around our houses and how we can be smarter homeowners.

### Crumbling down

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Pick up your toaster and hold
it under a light. Look inside and
tell me if you see all the little
crumbs lying in the bottom.
Take this appliance over the
sink, tip it upside down and
shake it a little. Open any doors
on the bottom and using an old
toothbrush, clean out the
crumbs. Any cleaning method
that does not include water can

be used to clean the inside of the toaster.

Cleaning it is beneficial to your health because an accumilation of bread crumbs can turn moldy and give life to cortain material. If you do not clean your toaster frequently, you're making toast in a germ-infested appliance. (Did you ever see ants on your counter, running back home with little things clamped in their jave? Maybe it's toast without butter.)

Stop germ growth

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few weeks and let them sit for an hour or so. Throw in some orange peelings and then turn it on with the water running, then add a half cup peroxide. I'll come over and fix a sandwich on your kitchen counter anytime.

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# Control house noises by following these simple suggestions

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HARRY JACHYM when our sec-moved to college. I'd like to relay a few tips on how to reduce everyday home noises that aren't

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create a "double whammy" - they make noise and provide a transmission route for it. You can reduce noise from the furnace by lubricating the blower motor, keep filters clean and check for worn or loose belts. You can also set the blower motor, keep filters clean and check for worn or loose belts. You can also set the blower medient bushings, if possible, and add a resilient boot to the plenum, if there isn't already one there. Another option could be replacing metal duck for and tender on the first plenum, which is the replacing metal duck for at least a section of them) with insulated fixed-duct.

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## Keep family calm during fire emergencies

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Once a fire starts, a person has about three minutes to has about three minutes to secape the overcoming effects of smoke, poisonous gases or superheated air.

On such short notice, residents of a household need to be pre-pared and oven rehearsed to act fast in this terrilying situation, AAA Michigan advises.

"When trapped, rational thinking and calm action are the keys to a safe escape," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

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Basch and fifers the following guidelines. They are based on the importance of preparing for fire emergencies with planning and practice.

Bif is moke is present, crawl to the door and keep as close to the floor as possible: If necessary, hold your breath and close your close to the floor as possible: If necessary, hold your breath and close your services are the door is closed before the window.

To avoid being locked in by a specific point of your plan ahead by placing a key at arm's length to give it quickly. Basch said the door so that you can get the door and doors and vents and smoke, seal off cracks around floors and vents and the property of the point of the property of the planning and practice.

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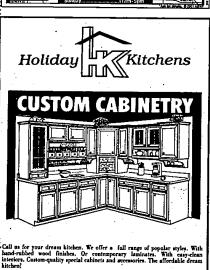
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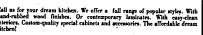
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