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Auto & "Appliance" ...

Do you really know how to use a dishwasher?

Here are some tips to improve the effectiveness of your dishwasher...

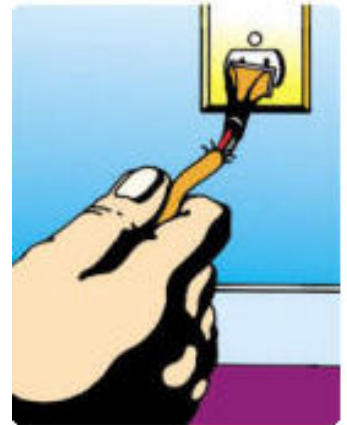
- You don't have to pre-rinse anything. Dump the big scraps into the garbage and load.
- Face soiled surfaces toward the interior of the machine – this is where the spray is most likely to reach them.
- Don't place glasses over the prongs - this impedes the water's flow.
- Don't overlap pans. Let the entire cooking surface lie face-down on the rack.
- Knife edges should point downward, forks should point upward, and spoons can go either way.
- Don't overload the dishwasher. You need to leave room for the water jets to spray onto the dishes.

- If your home has hard water, use slightly more detergent.
- Use a rinse aid to avoid spots and help your dishes dry more quickly.

Appliance Safety...

Electric appliance safety tips:

- Never use an appliance while standing in water or bathing.
- Don't dry your hair when standing on a damp floor.
- Don't touch plumbing or other metal objects while using an appliance or tool.
- Turn off appliances not in use. It's safer and it saves money.
- Always unplug appliances when working on them.
- Don't place photos, knick-knacks, CDs or newspapers on top of TV or cabinets holding electronics.
- Never replace a bulb with one that uses more watts than the original bulb. When in doubt, don't use anything larger than a 60-watt bulb.
- Keep lamps away from drapes, curtains, furniture and other flammable objects.
- When buying tools and appliances, check for the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) seal of approval. This means it's been tested for safety.
- Don't clean TVs or radios with liquid or aerosol cleaners.



Natural gas appliance safety tips:



- Adequate combustion air is critical to safe operation. Leave at least one inch of air flow all the way around a gas appliance.
- Make sure all natural gas appliances are properly vented outside and that the ventilation ducts are sealed to ensure proper ventilation of gas byproducts.
- Keep paint, curtains, paper, cleaning products, aerosol sprays, rags and other flammables away from furnace vents, gas appliances, and hot surfaces.
- Do not store or stack boxes, laundry, or other materials around the base of a gas appliance.
- Make sure the vent hood, pipe, and flues are not blocked, cracked or corroded.
- Don't let children play on or around your natural gas meter or any gas appliance.
- Only use the appliance for its intended purpose. Do not use an oven or range burner for heat.
- Have your furnace serviced by a professional annually.

In the Community...

Sherwood High School Football 14-0!

Congratulations to the Sherwood Warriors Varsity Football team for a perfect 14-0 season. This season was capped with a 21-3 win over the Linganore Lancers in the Maryland 4A State Championship game played on December 5th at the Baltimore Ravens stadium. Congratulations to the players, coaches, students and supporting community on an incredible season.



Fun Facts...

- A watermelon is a vegetable...
- It is illegal to kiss for more than 5 minutes in the state of Iowa...
- The first NFL Superbowl was played in 1967...
- The minimum wage was established in 1938 and was originally 25 cents per hour...



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