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Don't take electricity light-ly this Christmas

Once a year, twinkling fairy lights and colorful Christmas illuminations are retrieved from damp, dusty storage spaces to deck our homes for the festive season. But, poorly stored, old electrical decorations and overloaded sockets create unnecessary hazards at this time of year warns the Electrical Safety Council.

To help prevent the most common electrical problems at Christmas the Electrical Safety Council recommends following these simple precautions and checks:

Indoor Christmas lights

Most people re-use lights year after year but Christmas lights that have not seen the light of day since early January should be thoroughly checked before use. Make sure the cabling is not damaged, the bulbs are secure and not broken and, if the lights are old, that they conform to current safety standards. If in any doubt throw the lights away and buy new ones.



Outdoor Christmas lights

Use the same basic safety checks as for indoor lights, but in addition ensure that any lights used for illuminations outside the home are designed specifically for use in the elements. Invest in an RCD, this life-saving device automatically cuts off the electricity supply when a fault is detected and is particularly important when using electricity outside.

Overloading sockets

Sockets are in great demand at Christmas not only for fairy lights, but also to power new toys and appliances. Overloading sockets with extension leads and other appliances can cause them to overheat. The Electrical Safety Council recommends only using one plug per socket and turning appliances off when not in use.

The Electrical Safety Council's top tips for safety at Christmas:

- Always check that Christmas lights are not damaged or broken before use and look out for loose wires.
- Check that decorative lighting has a safety transformer. This reduces mains voltage to a safer level of about 12-24 volts.

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Manager's Monologue
Dennis Krueger



Calling All Energy Savers

As the cost of energy goes up, more and more people are concerned about their utility bills. Consumers are looking for ways to manage their energy use and reduce costs. Kiwash Electric Cooperative and Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have always placed a high priority on promoting energy efficiency to their members. That's why we created the Touchstone Energy Savers.

Kiwash Electric is one member of a 630 cooperative marketing alliance entitled "Touchstone Energy Cooperatives." Individually we could not afford to fund a massive conservation program; yet, as a national organization, which covers seventy-five percent (75%) of the U.S. land mass, we can do things together – As One!

Are you building the home of your dreams and want to make it energy efficient? Do you want to make your home a Touchstone Energy certified home? If so, the Touchstone Energy Home Program may be what you are looking for or wanting to cushion your home from high bills conservation should be your first step.

Touchstone Energy Cooperatives around the country are working with their members to ensure that their homes meet nationally recognized energy efficiency standards. This helps homeowners manage their home energy use, save money and create greater home comfort.

The new Touchstone Energy Savers Web site is your one stop connection to valuable tools, resources and information to help you create a more energy efficiency home. Please visit www.touchstoneenergysavers.com for more information or stop by the Kiwash webpage www.kiwash.coop and check out the link to the Touchstone Home Energy Audit. It's all free information on energy conservation.

You have the power to control your energy costs and become energy efficient!



Light Bulb Energy Saver

Find out how much you can save by replacing your incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's).

CFL's are sold at Kiwash Electric's Cordell office or your local hardware store.

Touchstone Energy Savers are starting points to help you get on the way toward better energy management for your home. On the Touchstone Energy Savers Web site, you'll find useful tools, valuable tips and resources designed to create greater home comfort and promote energy efficiency.

If you are not connected to the Internet and need information, please contact the Kiwash office and ask for the free Energy Savers booklet from the U.S. Department of Energy. This guide gives you tips on saving energy and money at home.

Kiwash Electric Cooperative sells electricity; yet, we want every member-owner of this cooperative to use it wisely. Energy-efficient improvements not only make your home more comfortable, they can yield long-term financial rewards. Reduced utility bills more than make up for the higher price of energy-efficient appliances and improvements over their lifetimes; are you an energy saver?

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- Even Christmas lights need a break – switch all lights off when you go to bed or go out.
- Make sure you know where your fuse box is located so you can reach it quickly in emergencies.
- Ensuring your home has sufficient sockets at convenient points will avoid the danger of overheating and will minimize the need for hazardous extension leads and adaptors.
- If somebody does suffer from an electric shock – firstly make sure you switch off the electricity and remove the casualty from danger if safe to do so, then contact the emergency services.
- Ensure all outdoor lights are connected via a 30mA RCD protected socket. An RCD will provide added protection against electric shock.





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**Corn Bible Academy will hold their 44th Annual German Feast
 and Auction on Saturday, February 2, 2008.**

The German-Mennonite meal will feature delicious verenika smothered in a harn onion gravy, zwieback, rolls, smoke sausage, grilled sausage, cherry mousse, and New Years cookies (friends raisin fritters).

Beautiful handmade quilts, wood crafts, toys, wall hangings, farm equipment, afghans, cracklins, and many others items will be on display and auctioned on the live or silent auction.

The delicious German-Mennonite meal will be served from 11:30a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Tickets for the feast are \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children ages 4-11.

There will also be a silent auction starting at 10:00 a.m. and bidding ending at 1:30 p.m. The main auction in the gym will begin at 12:45 p.m.

You may purchase German Feast tickets in advance by calling the Corn Bible Academy office at (580) 343-2262, or be sending a check with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

German Feast
 Corn Bible Academy
 P.O. Box 38
 Corn OK 73024

Holiday Stuffing

3 large onions, chopped
6 celery ribs, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 cup butter or margarine
4-1/2 cups chicken or vegetable broth
1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
1 tablespoon rubbed sage
1-1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
3/4 teaspoon pepper
1-1/2 pounds day-old French bread, cubed (27 cups)

In a large skillet, saute onions, celery and garlic in butter until tender. Transfer to a large bowl; add broth, parsley, sage, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. Gently stir in bread cubes until mixed. Spoon into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish (dish will be full). Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until lightly browned and heated through. Yield: about 12 cups.

Nutrition Facts: 1 serving (1 cup) equals 249 calories, 10 g fat (5 g saturated fat), 20 mg cholesterol, 1,086 mg sodium, 34 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 7 g protein.



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To provide the best service
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During this holiday season.



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