

Portland General Electric Gresham office is helping householders cooperate in saving electric energy. The company has issued the following suggestions:

1. Minimize all use of water, especially hot water.

Take fewer showers and baths. Take less time in the shower.

- Use dishwashers only after they are full.
- wash a full load of clothes.
- repair all leaking faucets.
- insulate hot water pipes in unheated areas.

turn off hot water heater at the main panel when leaving for one week or more.

2. Make sure water heater thermostat is set no higher than 140 degrees.
- temperature of the hot water can be checked with a good thermometer that reads up to 200 degrees. Hold thermometer under hot water tap. (CAUTION: turn off electricity to water heater before adjusting thermostat on water heater.)
3. Set heating thermostat 4 degrees below your normal temperature, (the new setting would be about 68 degrees).
- make sure filters are clean.
- keep curtains and shades closed on cloudy days.
- install weatherstripping, storm windows and insulation now. (Contact your electric utility for further information.) Savings in fuel bill will pay for the expense in a few years and you will be more comfortable.
- 4 Turn off the furnace fan so that it operates only when the furnace or air-conditioner operates.
- some central heating

systems have a "summer" switch to permit the fan to operate continuously. This should be switched "off".

- some thermostats have a "manual" and "automatic" positions for fan. The selector switch should be in the "automatic" position so that the fan operates only when the furnace or air-conditioner is in use.
- 5. Set air-conditioner thermostat at 80 degrees.
- Make sure filters are clean.
- keep curtains and shades closed on the sunny side of the house in summer. Reverse in winter for solar gain.
- 6. Turn off TV sets, radio and

music systems not being used.

7. Turn off lights when leaving room.
8. Use lights only when necessary.
9. Minimize Christmas lighting.
10. Make sure porch lights and post lanterns are not used needlessly.
11. Plan meals to conserve the use of the range, especially oven use.
12. Remove food from the refrigerator or freezer in ample time to allow thawing before cooking.
13. Defrost your refrigerator and freezer regularly.
14. Dry clothes outside.

Goodwill truck schedules visit

The truck from Goodwill Industries will come to the Gresham area on Wednesday, Sept. 19, to pick up donations of furniture, appliances and household goods from those wishing to give these repairable items to Goodwill.

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truck comes to the door of your home or place of business.

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CLEAN-CUT lines with view over forested area characterize this dwelling, just completed on SW 25th. off Towle. (Outlook photo)

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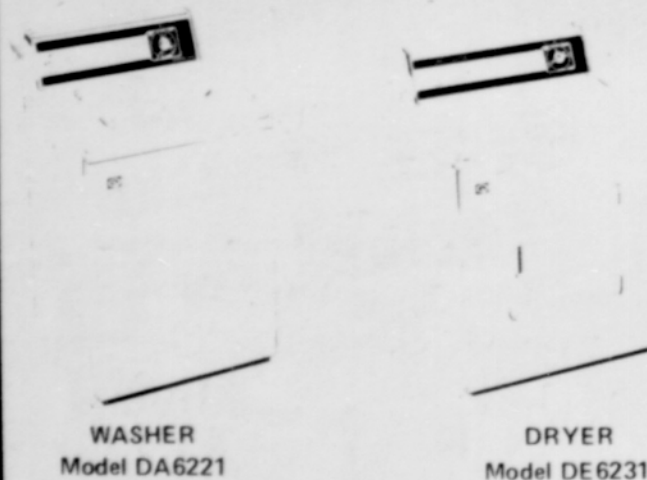
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Comer Park has many new amenities

A kitchen of the dark ages conjures up visions of primitive man huddled around a smoky fire deep in a cave.

However, considering recent improvements in kitchen lighting, it has only been the past five years since homemakers began to emerge from the kitchen dark ages.

One of the most significant changes in kitchens during the past five years has been the dramatic 60 per cent increase in lighting levels.

Homeowners remodeling their kitchens, and families building new homes, are insisting that contractors install more kitchen lighting.

The added installations are predominantly soft lighting in flush mounted ceiling fixtures.

Although lighting has taken on increasing importance in remodeling, one of the principle reasons families remodel is to upgrade their kitchen with new time-and-labor-saving appliances in today's bright and cheerful colors.

Time was when the kitchen was the last room in the house to be decorated . . . if it ever came to that.

Usually it remained an island of blandness, with unassertive colors, a marred floor and dull accessories. All that has changed!

With today's bright, colorful accessories, attractive yet functional storage space and low-cost, easy-upkeep basics such as carpet, paint and wallpaper, your kitchen can be a decorative showpiece.

To create a well-designed and, above all, happy-to-work-in kitchen, start by choosing a color scheme that "says you."

Kitchens are perfect show places for a riot of zesty color and pattern because they're usually set off from the rest of the house or apartment.

Especially cheerful combinations are green and yellow or yellow and blue with accents of orange or red; green and blue with accents of yellow or orange; or a patriotic red, white, and blue.

You'll be able to find patterned wallpaper in these go-together colors and the latest trick, if you have two separate kitchen areas such as a pantry and kitchen or an L-shaped kitchen, is to use two different patterns with coordinated colors.

You can also use wallpaper with paint or just paint in a variety of hues. An imaginative use of the latter is to paint the inside of the cupboards one color, say green, the outside a blue, the walls yellow and the ceiling blue. Or try accents of colorful paint in unexpected places like the beams on a ceiling or design a free-form abstract on one wall.

Perhaps the nicest news about today's kitchens lie underfoot. Thanks to advances in fiber technology, carpeting is finding its way into more and more kitchens.

And the reasons make sense. Heading the list is the fact that carpets are just as easy to clean, if not more so, than linoleum or tiled floors. First you don't need to wax and polish every week.

And, second, if you use carpets of a man-made "miracle" fiber you'll be able to clean up most spots and spills with just a sponge and the suds of a light detergent. Because of this fiber's low moisture absorbency, spills stay right on the surface where they can be easily whisked away.

Even bacon grease will disappear with a household spot remover. And remember that today's kitchen carpets come in a stunning array of colors and patterns! No longer are you confined to the dull drab colors of yesterday. Oranges, reds, greens, blues and stripes are just a sampling of what's new.

If your kitchen has a window, give it an unusual and charming twist with an interesting shade that picks up the colors of the walls, ceiling or carpet.

If you don't have pattern in the room, here's your chance to go creative and feature a stripe, plaid, floral or anything that has pattern excitement. Either buy a ready made shade or make your own with fabric.

And incidentally, for a zingy coordinated look, replace any old cupboard doors with matching shades.

Once you've selected the basic materials that frame your room, adorn it with colorful coordinated accessories.

These are the touches that make a room zing. A canister set, breadboxes, wicker baskets for holding odds and ends, pictures of fruits or vegetables, potted plants, salt and pepper shakers and spice racks fall into this category.

The best news is you'll be able to find them in any color you wish from the bright primary yellows, reds and oranges to a polished brass or wood-stained finish.

Now your kitchen should spur you on to feats of culinary excellence or, in the very least, allow you to enjoy the many hours spent there every week.

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