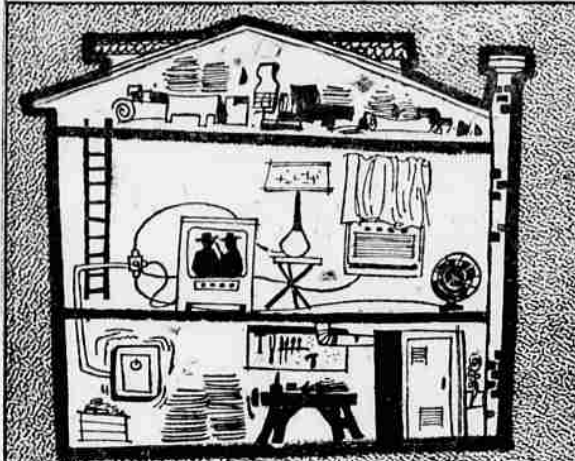


The Time To Stop A Home Fire Is Before It Has Been Started



SUGGESTED FLOOR PLAN FOR HAZARDOUS HOMES

DISASTROUS FIRES start in junk-filled attics, in wiring that is overloaded and in litter-filled basements. Check your home.

Firemen have a saying about a clean building seldom burning. How firesafe is your home?

A pile of newspapers stacked almost ceiling high in the basement is more than an eyesore. It's a potential source of danger. Recall—if your closets are stuffed with useless things; old curtains, draperies, clothing, sheets and blankets, old shoes—all are burnable. And if they're greasy or oily, spontaneous combustion is a grim possibility.

How about the attic? Is it filled with an assortment of household goods you'll never use again, like wicker furniture, rolled up carpets, old, battered luggage?

The first step in protecting yourself and your family against having a fire is to clean out those storage places. Even if a fire doesn't start in one of them, they provide plenty of fuel for a fire that might start elsewhere.

You'd be surprised how much you can part with if you try. Items in better condition are welcomed by most local welfare agencies. Throw the rest in the rubbish.

Check work areas, particularly the basement or garage workshop. Oily rags shouldn't be allowed to accumulate. They should be stored in covered metal containers. Paint-soaked rags, open or slightly open paint and turpentine cans are fire hazards. Store cleaning fluids, turpentine and other combustible fluids in tightly stoppered containers.

Clean up sawdust and shavings after do-it-yourself projects. Throw away or burn scraps of wood too small to be used for anything. Toss the sawdust in the garden or around plants in your yard—it helps to break up the soil.

Next, check the electrical setup in your home. Many fires start from plugging too many appliances into a single socket, using worn or frayed cords or turning on the iron and leaving it unattended.

Replace or repair cords as soon as the first break appears anywhere in the insulation.

Don't run extension cords under rugs. Don't staple them to baseboards.

Don't use heavier fuses than those required for the various circuits in your home. Too heavy a fuse will not blow out in case of a short. Instead, the short circuit will overheat wires and can cause an in-the-wall fire, which can gain terrible headway before discovery.

Check the heating plant in your home. Every winter the home fire rate jumps because of overheated and faulty furnaces.

Pipes and chimney should be cleaned of soot. The chimney generally has a cleanout door at the base of it.

Repair or replace rusted or cracked pipes. If the mortar in your chimney is old and crumbling, a painting job is in order.

Once you've removed the fire hazards, prepare to fight a fire if one starts.

Remember, in connection with

fighting home fires, these two rules:

Get children, aged persons, invalids and pets out of the house before you do anything else.

Call the fire department.

Any action you take, against other than a fire in its first few seconds of existence, is only a delaying action. You need expert help.

For specific extinguishers for the home, consult the experts in the fire department. They can

advise you what extinguishers will best meet your requirements.

Sand can be used to put out nearly all common types of fires if they're just beginning to burn.

By all means, keep a bucket or two of sand in the basement if yours is an oil furnace.

An inexpensive extinguisher for kitchen grease fires in most kitchens is baking soda. A handful will smother a flame-filled frying pan.

Use water for outdoor grass and brush fires, and indoors for fires involving piles of paper, wood and rubbish.

Have a good hose at hand, and make sure that it can be connected to the faucets inside your home. For indoor use you'll need a special adapter for faucets that are not threaded.

If you care to invest a little time and work plus the cost of the pipe and faucet, set up a water connection and a length of hose in a centrally located hall closet.

Make certain that the hose can reach all the rooms.

Use a nozzle that will give you a fine spray.

New Check List Of Standards Out

A new "Check List of USDA Standards for Farm Products," listing all standards effective as of October 1, 1957, has been published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The publication, issued by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service which prepares and distributes the standards, gives information on how to obtain any of the standards listed.

Farm commodities for which standards for grades exist include cotton and cottonseed, dairy products, fruits and vegetables (both fresh and processed), nuts, grain, hay, straw, livestock, meats, wool,

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PREVENT FOREST AND GRASS FIRES

mohair, hides, skins, poultry, poultry products, rabbits, tobacco, and naval stores.

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