

Housekeeping Safety Check

In a continued effort to present safety materials to homemakers, check your work habits with this list. Answer by using this letter scheme: I do — A-Always; S-Sometimes; N-Never; O-No Opportunity.

To Avoid Fire Hazards

I DO:

Keep storage areas free of flammable fluids, paper, rags, etc.

Store flammable fluids, such as kerosene and gasoline, outside in clearly labeled and approved fire-safe metal containers (never in glass)

Discard oily rags or oily furniture polish cloths in covered metal containers.

Remember never to leave rubbish, kindling, paints, turpentine, etc., near furnace or stove

Provide covered metal cans for ashes from furnace or stove — never wood or paper boxes.

Wrap up dust from vacuum cleaner or dustpan, flour, or uncooked cereals and dispose of in garbage — never throw into open fire because dust is explosive

Never use flammable cleaning fluids indoors

Never allow even a small amount of gasoline to be exposed in a room or other confined space

Start wood and coal fires without the use of kerosene.

Never quicken fires with kerosene

Keep wicks and burners clean

and in good condition on kerosene lanterns, heaters, stoves, etc. (An explosion may result from a defective wick that does not fill the wick-tube section).

Use quick drying paints containing volatile solvent only in well-ventilated rooms.

Burn paint rags or place in a covered metal can immediately.

Never place a can of paint on a stove to heat — put it in a pan of hot water.

Use a paint remover only in well-ventilated areas.

Keep lighter-fluid in a closed container of not more than four ounces.

Store and use lighter-fluid away from sources of ignition.

Never pour gasoline from one container to another without having a funnel or metallic connection between the two containers.

Never filter gasoline through a chamois

Keep grease away from the range

Store matches in a tightly-closed metal container.

Put out lighted matches and place in non-flammable receptacle — never in a waste basket or rubbish container.

Locate towel racks away from range so towels cannot fall on heating units or burners.

Have gas range located away from window to avoid danger of curtain blowing over burners and catching fire

Clean oven and broiler pan

regularly to prevent accumulation of grease.

Have repairs made promptly on defective equipment, chimneys, stovepipes, etc.

Use hot water to thaw frozen pipes, never a blow torch or open flame.

Make sure small stoves and electric heaters are not placed where they can tip over.

Keep electric lamp bulbs (when lighted) away from walls, stored clothing, curtains, or flammable material of any kind.

Never cook or work around a fire when wearing a fluffy sweater or other flammable garments.

Keep fire extinguishers in homemaking departments and choose those recommended for all types of fires (wood, oil, live electrical equipment, etc.) and tested by Underwriters' laboratories.

Have fire extinguishers inspected at least once a year and follow manufacturers' instructions for refilling.

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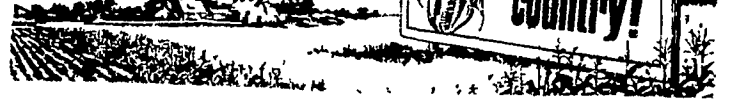
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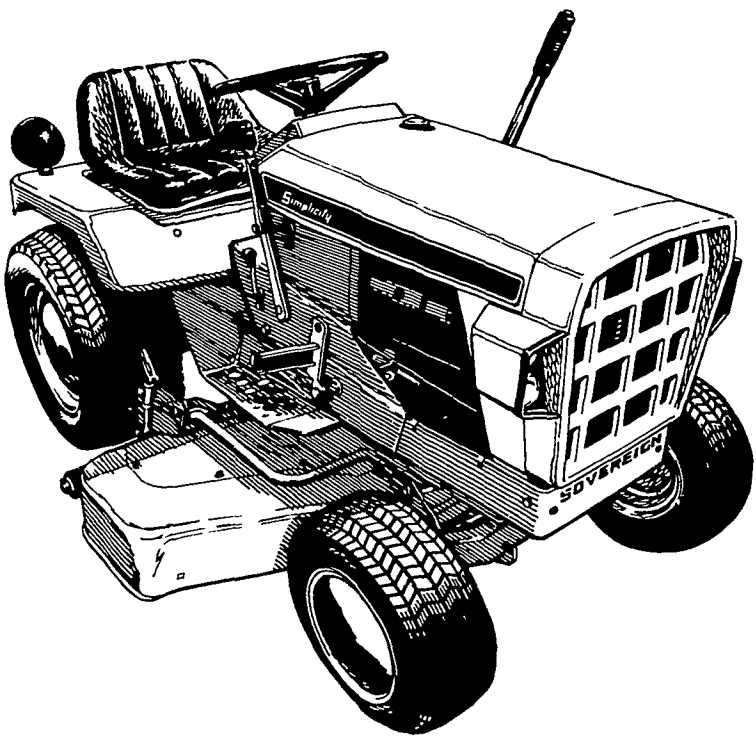
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