



Simeon Stylites of Syria, a celebrated early monk spent 10 years on pillars that were increasingly higher and narrower, the last being 66 feet high

Holiday Energy Saving Tips

Limit light-burning time on decorations.

Use energy-saving recipes for holiday meals.

Candlestick style lights placed inside windows can be convenient and effective substitutes for strings of outdoor Christmas lights.

Turn thermostat down when you're away visiting.

If you're going to bake, fully utilize your oven (more than one pie, cake, etc.).

Save automatic dishwashing and laundering chores 'til after 7 p.m. using full loads.

Avoid high-wattage flood lights and bulbs. Using miniature indoor tree lights can save.

Don't forget to keep fireplace damper closed when not in use.

Take advantage of holiday-meal left-overs . . . save on cooking time.

Shop early - avoid rush

Christmas comes but once a year and sometimes those once-a-year chores come with it. Extension home management specialists at The Pennsylvania State University suggest preparing for the holidays at a leisurely pace. Don't be caught up in a last-minute crash program that will leave you limp and unable to enjoy the festivities.

Start early with a list. It needn't be too detailed. Put down everything that needs to be done, along with the date it should be completed. Be realistic and allow enough time to do the job well.

Do any special cleaning jobs early, such as polishing the silverware and getting out holiday dishes and platters. Even in the best of households, they've probably collected some dust since the last time they were used.

Check holiday towel and linen supplies. Holiday decorated guest towels and dish towels may need to be washed to freshen them up. If overnight guests are expected, make sure sheets and pillowcases are in good condition.

Look over tablecloths and napkins. If they haven't been used for a while, another quick sudsing will bring out their beauty.

Remember, too, that the home itself will be the background for all the holiday sparkle. If it isn't immaculate, the tinselly glitter is dulled. Look over the house with a critical eye. Check the little things that have been neglected.

The key word to a successful season is "early," say the Extension specialists. Cook early, clean early, decorate early, and shop early.

Not a terminal case

While the two primary terminals protruding from the ignition coil may appear to be convenient voltage distribution points for electrical accessories a wise mechanic will resist the temptation to use them.

Champion Spark Plug Company points out the dropping resistor lowers the battery voltage at the terminal marked "Battery" or "Switch". Thus any 12-volt accessory connected to the terminal could be operating at less than 12 volts.

As a case in point, an electric fuel pump connected to the coil was causing the vehicle to backfire under load. The engine refused to do much except idle since reduced voltage prevented the pump from providing sufficient fuel.

Properly reconnecting the pump to a normal 12-volt source rectified the problem. Further, any accessory connected to the ignition circuit will bleed away primary voltage and lower coil output.

THE GOOD WORD
from the Bible

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Psalms 2: 11-12

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