Ladies Have You Heard?

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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

We have enjoyed a beautiful balmy Fall, but the first snow of the season this week reminds us that Winter is just around the corner.

Have you prepared your

home for the coming months? Here is a checklist of projects to help you get your home ready for frigid temperatures.

Put clean filters in the furnace, and lay in a supply now so you can change filters regularly throughout the heating season.

Clean the exhaust vent on your automatic clothes dryer to remove dust and lint which have collected and will reduce drying efficiency. You will also be reducing a potential fire hazard.

Check fireplace dampers to make sure they are closed when the fireplace is not in use. Since hot air rises, an open damper can let heating dollars go right up your chimney.

Now is the time to put a new evaporator element in your furnace humidifier, and to buy extras for in-season replacement. Also check humidifier water valves as they can get plugged with sediment after being closed for half the year.

If you have room air conditioners in your windows, carefully weather strip around them if you cannot remove and store them for the winter. Special plastic covers are also a

good investment or make vour own one-shot covers will a roll of plastic film and masking tape.

Consider making plastic storm windows for unenclosed or unheated porches, basement windows or other windows lacking storm windows.

Check permanent windows to see that they fit tightly; if they do not use weather stripping or caulking. Weather strip doors that don't fit snugly.

A little effort spent making the home "heat-tight" will cut not only heat losses this winter but heating bills as well. And in these times of fuel shortages, conserving energy is everybodys business.

CHRISTMAS BERRY JELLY IS QUICK **EASY GIFT**

If you need a last-minute stocking stuffer or small gift that shows some thought without spending hours to

track it down, try this recipe for Christmas Berry Jelly.

CHRISTMAS BERRY JELLY

2 cups apple juice ¼ cup lemon juice ½ cup cinnamon imperials (red hots)

34 cup water 1 teaspoon red food coloring 1/4 teaspoon mace 1 box powdered pectin 8 whole cloves 1 stick cinnamon

4 cups sugar Mix apple and lemon

juces, red hots, water, food coloring, mace and sugar in a large saucepan. Tie clove and cinnamon stick in a cheesecloth bag and add to the mixture. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Stir in powdered pectin and bring to a full rolling boil. Boil hard for two minutes. Remove from heat and skim. Pour jelly into hot sterilized jars, leaving 1/8-inch head space. Adjust lids. Process five minutes in boiling water bath. Yield about 4 halfpints.



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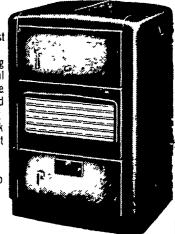
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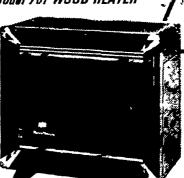


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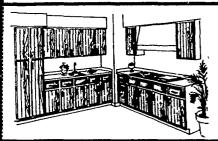
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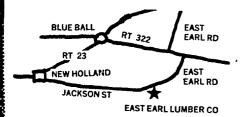
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