

# Ladies Have You Heard?

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**TIPS FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN**  
This is the month for jack-o-lanterns and Halloween. I would like to offer some tips to make this Halloween a safe one.

Candlelit jack-o-lanterns should not be carried by children and should be kept away from doorsteps where trick-or-treaters' costumes might brush against the

flame. If used indoors, be certain they are not near curtains, decorations or other furnishings that could be ignited.

Costumes, often with unaccustomed fullness and extra length, may be ignited more easily because they are cumbersome, or because the sleeves are billowy and full.

When selecting costumes, beards, masks or wigs, look for flame resistant labels. Whether purchased or homemade, avoid flimsy materials and outfits with big baggy sleeves or billowing skirts. Keep hemlines short enough to avoid tripping.

Choose costumes which are light or bright enough to be seen clearly by motorists. Even witches can wear reflective tapes over their gowns and carry flashlights.

Masks or other facial disguises should not restrict vision or breathing. A natural mask of cosmetics applied directly to the skin will not resist sight or breath.

Young children should always be accompanied by a responsible older person when out trick-or-treating and should be kept in constant sight. Remind children of everyday safety rules, such as not dashing out between parked cars.

Finally, if you are driving on Halloween, take special care. Watch out for trick-or-treaters who will be too busy to watch for you.

### CHOOSE WASHER AND DRYER TO SUIT NEEDS

Family needs are the very first criterion when shopping for a washer and dryer. Manufacturers have incorporated many features into laundry appliances. So it pays to consider the qualities that mean the most to you in convenience, time savings and energy use. Construction, cleanability and the reputation of the manufacturer should also be in a shopping trip check list.

Family size, lifestyle and space available are prime factors. Singles, couples with children no longer at home or couples without expectation of rearing a family may find smaller capacity models adequate. Compacts and piggyback models fit limited space. For apartment dwellers, there are models that can be

hooked up to a temporary installation and then converted to a permanent set-up if you move later. On the other end of the scale is the large family with corresponding laundry loads who would require large capacity appliances.

Laundry equipment has kept pace with the advancement of different kinds of fabrics and the need for full and partial wash loads. A variety of combinations of water level, temperature, wash and rinse cycles is available.

Permanent press and knitted garments are common and the special cycles for such items are a desirable feature for most people. For heavily soiled garments, such as work clothing, children's play clothes and sports uniforms, choose a washer with a super wash cycle.

Some dryers offer only time and temperature controls. Others provide several selections including permanent press and knits to minimize wrinkling and over-drying of these items.

Carrying the process one step further, there are units that intermittently tumble clothes in cool air after the drying cycle. This helps prevent wrinkling should items be left in the dryer up to 40 minutes after the drying cycle ends. Incidentally, some dryers need less watching via built-in sensors that release laundry at a time as bleach and fabric softener at the proper time. Another type of dryer has a moisture-sensing system that shuts the machine off at the selected degree of dryness.

Energy costs are another consideration in purchasing. If you have already had a dryer, it is probably best to keep the same fuel. It is worth investigating the costs of different fuels and installation charges before purchasing. Water level and temperature controls in washers help save water heating costs by allowing small load and cold water washing and/or rinsing where suitable.

## Get Lassie ready

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very dirty, try to wash him once before the cold weather really sets in. Choose a warm fall day or wash him indoors. Make sure that the coat is completely dry before the chill of evening.

If it's too cold for a real bath, you can use a dry dog shampoo or massage ordinary cornstarch into the coat to absorb most of the oil and dirt. The powder is then brushed out, removing most of the dirt with it.

Some pet owners feel their dogs need more food in the wintertime. For most dogs this is not the case. The exceptions are dogs that live in the more northern states, and those dogs that are used for wintertime retrieving. You can ask your veterinarian for more details about a good cold weather diet for your particular type of dog.

Cold and related stresses can

make your dog more vulnerable to certain canine infections, especially respiratory diseases. It's important for all dogs, whether they live indoors or outside, to be vaccinated against the major canine diseases. Besides being protected themselves, vaccinated dogs reduce the pool of susceptible animals that can spread canine infections.

If your dog lives indoors all year, your "weatherizing" program is somewhat different. Your pet will be exposed to additional heat, not cold. Some dogs have no reaction to the dry air of central heating, others develop scaly, itchy skin because of the lower humidity and higher temperatures. Again, check your veterinarian for suggestions. He or she can probably recommend a food supplement to put additional oils in your pet's coat.

## York holiday program sets date

**YORK** — The Annual Holiday Program sponsored by the Penn State Extension Service will be held Tuesday, November 10, from 9:30-2:30 at the 4-H Center near Bair.

The program includes Creating With Calico by Edna Bertalbrecht from the Country Patchwork in Camp Hill. She will demonstrate articles to create for you, your home, and gift-giving.

Mrs. George Yerger from Norristown will present "Let Your Home Say Merry Christmas." Ideas for door wreaths and table arrangements using natural materials will be shown. Mrs. Yerger is an active and creative

garden club member who also teaches in adult education classes.

The Browns from Deva Association will entertain with Wandering, a true gypsy variety show including fire eating, juggling, magic, music, and mime to tell stories taken from gypsy culture.

Tickets are \$1.75 and may be purchased from the Extension Office, 112 Pleasant Acres Rd., York, PA 17402 or from the chairman of any Extension Homemakers group. No tickets will be sold at the door. Beverage will be provided to accompany your own bag lunch.

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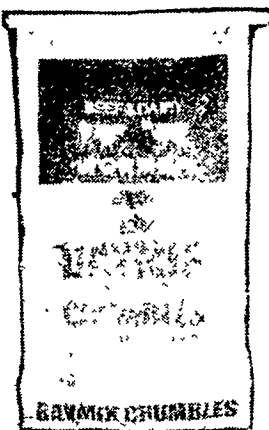
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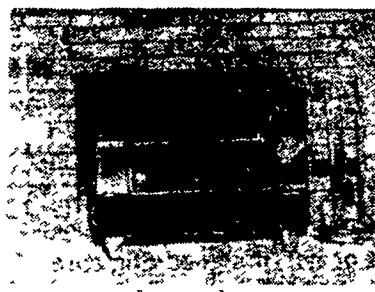
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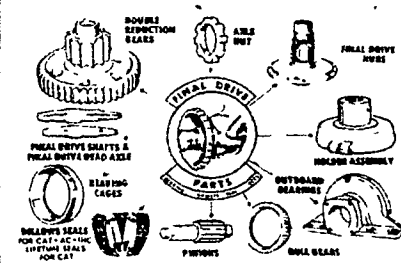


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