



Ladies Have You Heard?

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Moving, Storing or Winterizing Appliances

Americans are movers. Each year, about 20 million of us move and take everything we own with us. Another 3 million move only ourselves, as we travel between our year-round residence and vacation home.

Whether the move is to the other side of town or across the country, there are certain steps that should be taken to protect your large investment in major home appliances. The first step in preparing for a move is to review the installation and operation instructions that came with the appliance. These instructions will frequently include suggestions for disconnecting, packing, storing, or winterizing the appliance — and

for reinstalling it in the new home.

Appliances are moved most easily and safely when they have been emptied, cleaned and packed with protective padding. An appliance should never be used as a packing container for loose items or boxes. During handling and movement, items stored inside an appliance may scratch, dent or damage its interior. Also, moving week is the perfect time for giving an appliance a thorough cleaning and performing any needed routine maintenance. But, to avoid mildew, rust and musty odors, be sure to allow the appliance to dry thoroughly before wrapping or putting it in a carton.

Appliances to be stored in an unheated warehouse or left standing in a vacation home where

temperatures may go below freezing, also require winterizing to prevent damage. It is a good idea to ask the mover about warehouse storage conditions. Extremely high or low temperatures and humidity levels can cause problems with some furniture, electronic equipment and appliances.

Some major home appliances such as automatic washers and dishwashers can be damaged if they are not winterized before being stored in unheated buildings where temperatures may drop to freezing. Taking a few minutes to properly pack an appliance for a move or winterize it for storage may prevent a costly repair.

Fall Fashion Preview

Now is the time to plan your fall wardrobe. Here are some tips on fall fashion trends.

Fall color schemes will include neutrals and weakened tones from basic color families. Popular color families will also include winter pastels, gem or lacquer brights and smoky tones.

The major trends in fabrics and textures will include knits and jerseys. Flannel will continue to be popular. The look of handwovens and heathered textural looks that are soft and warm will be big this fall.

Houndstooth checks will be important as will tartans, box checks and glen plaids. For silks and cottons, bold, wide herringbone and bold stripes will be in vogue.

General fashion trends this fall will include man-tailored garments with shoulder emphasis. Rich fabrics and textures will be more important than constructed garment details. Several layers of boldly surfaced wovens and knits will be worn in combination.

Popular suits will include those with longer jackets or shorter boxy jackets.

For dresses, the chemise remains popular, but hip-accenting blouses with flared, pleated or softly gathered skirts will also be favorites.

There will be a few new ideas on blouses, but jersey blouses with soft cowl necklines are the one new trend.

Sweaters will be highly textured. Elongated cardigan jackets, doublebreasted menswear, tunics and sweaters with asymmetric closures will also be fashionable.

Skirts will be less important than pants, but they will include soft pleats, straight lines and longer hem lengths.

Traditional or fuller-cut trousers will be very important. Many pants will be cuffed and may be ankle-length or cropped.

For accessories, fall fashion will include almost no jewelry. Belts in reptile or textured leather will be visible, and silk scarves will be returning in importance.



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