

For Safety's Sake Clean Up The Farm

HUNTINGDON (Huntingdon Co.) — Having a clean farm can be a source of satisfaction and pride. More importantly, cleaning up reduces health, fire and injury hazards and makes it easier to do your work.

Where to start? Here are some suggestions from safety specialists and the National Safety Council:

— Check all farm buildings for tripping and fire hazards. Get rid of unnecessary clutter, such as unused tools, obsolete parts and old cans and bottles.

— Repair steps and stairs. Fix or install handrails if wobbly or missing. Provide ample lighting, and keep stairs free of clutter. Tack down loose tread covering or carpeting.

— Clear away dry weeds, brush and trash around buildings to reduce fire hazards.

— Repair fences and gates, livestock pens, ladders—anything that needs fixing that could enhance your safety and efficiency.

— Check all machinery. Replace damaged or missing shielding, faded safety decals and

slow-moving-vehicle emblems, and burned-out bulbs.

Repair safety-related components, such as brakes, tires, wipers, exhaust systems and controls, when necessary.

— When repairing machinery, put safety first. Have the proper tools, use quality parts and do it "by the book." If you don't have the know-how, let a professional do the job or show you how to do it.

— When working on buildings or roofs, wear slip-resistant shoes and have a lifeline. Make sure your ladder is securely placed. Watch for overhead power lines.

— Have a place for everything and keep everything in its place when not in use. Make the best use of available storage space; add more if necessary. Often, you can do this with just a little money if you have do-it-yourself skills.

Teach Farm Kids About the Dangers Around Them

Children growing up on a farm may look at the barnyard and out-buildings as one big playground. Unfortunately, that outlook leads to more than 300 deaths and 5,000 serious injuries a year.

Farms are the scene of many potentially dangerous situations that could injure or kill a child. Most accidents involve tractors and other power-driven machinery. Livestock, farm chemicals, manure pits and grain bins are also sources of danger.

Young children do not understand the potential dangers they face on the farm. It's up to their parents to educate and protect them. For example, parents need to teach children not to play in grain bins or around manure storage areas and ponds. If possible these areas should be secured or fenced to make them off-limits to kids. Pastures are not play areas. Electric fences can cause shock and injury. Bulls and other grazing animals may attack and harm small children when disturbed. Unsupervised children could dash behind a tractor that's backing up or climb into a truck that's being unloaded. They might sip pipeline cleaner or other chemicals, especially those stored improperly.

All farm chemicals should be stored in their original containers in a locked cabinet or shed. When a container is empty, rinse it thor-

oughly and dispose of it as soon as possible.

Older children also are at risk if they are allowed to do a job before they are physically and emotionally able to handle it. Farmers have been known to add wooden blocks to the tractor's pedals so their 9- or 10-year-old child can drive the equipment. That's just asking for trouble.

Older children who will be

operating tractors should wear proper protective gear and attend tractor safety classes. Parents also must enforce the no-riders rule, not allowing anyone—adult or child—who drives a tractor to carry passengers.

Remember, children learn by example. If you take safety shortcuts, that's how they'll think the job should be done. If you play it safe, your children will, too.

Green Thumb Gardening Clinic

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — Wayne County Cooperative Extension is holding a green thumb gardening clinic on Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Wayne County Extension Meeting Room, Courthouse, Honesdale. Penn State Master Gardeners will be giving presentations and showing slides on starting an herb garden, use of dormant

and horticultural oils, beneficial insects, water gardening and a question and answer time. If you are an avid gardener or want to get started, this clinic should offer something of value to you. Think spring and call for more information and to register for the clinic at the Wayne County Extension Office at (717) 253-5970, ext. 239.

Free Admission To Landis Valley Museum

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — State-owned museums throughout Pennsylvania are opening their doors free of charge to all visitors on Sunday, March 14, from noon to 5 p.m.. Landis Valley, the largest Pennsylvania German museum of rural life, is one of the participants. This special day is in honor of William Penn receiving the charter for Pennsylvania from King Charles II in 1681.

Rated "exceptional" by AAA, Landis Valley will offer a variety of demonstrations—from leather working and gunsmithing to spinning, printing, tinsmithing, punched paper embroidery and more. Tasty food will be for sale at the 1850s Landis Valley Hotel, located in the heart of the

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Landis Valley is located 2.5 miles NE of Lancaster on Rt. 272/Oregon Pike, a marked exit off both Rt. 30 and Rt. 222. Individuals with disabilities who need special assistance or accommodation should call in advance to discuss their needs. Landis Valley is operated by the Pa Historical & Museum Commission with assistance from the Landis Valley Associates. For information, call (717) 569-0402.

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