

Clear As Crystal



A tall glass of amber-clear iced tea is one of the delights of summer. So have a pitcherful on hand day and night to quench hot weather thirsts and revive heat-wilted spirits. Make the tea the easy, no-work way using cold tap water and teabags. The tea will be crystal clear, you can store it in the refrigerator, and it will never cloud. Just be sure to start it well ahead of time because it takes time for the cold water to extract the flavor from the tea leaves. Start a batch in the morning to use in the afternoon or make it in the evening so it'll be ready for the next day. Here's how you do it:

Cold Water Method For Cloudless Iced Tea

- Fill a quart pitcher or container with cold tap water.
- Add 8-10 teabags (remove tags). Cover.
- Let stand at room temperature or in the refrigerator for 6 hours or overnight.
- Remove teabags, squeezing against side of container.
- When ready to serve, pour into ice-filled glasses. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

TIME TO FERTILIZE RHUBARB PLANTS

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method staying at least 18 to until early spring.

20 inches away from the crown of the plant. Keep the weeds under control by mulching or cultivating. By ferti-Some attention to the rhu-lizing now it will allow the barb plants is due at this plants to store extra plant time of the year. An applica- food in the roots before wintion of 1 to 2 pounds of a ter arrives. After 8 to 10 complete fertilizer such at 10- years in the same spot, rhu-10-10 per hundred feet of row barb shoots should be dividwill help develop the plants ed; when the plant roots are and result in a better crop crowded, rhubarb will have next spring. Applying the fer- thin stalks and not as desirtilizer along the row (side- able. This dividing and transdressing) is the suggested planting should not be done



ppliance Safety A Brief Checklist

We all talk about the importance of being safe at home -vet many people fail to take the common-sense precautions that can help avoid home ac-

Appliances offer many benefits in daily use around the home, but there are important do's and dor'ts which should be observed in using them properly.

Most homemakers, when they are working with hot liquids on the range, turn the pot handle in. That seems almost elementary. But it is only one of the rules about proper use and care of appliances that we all need to learn and follow.

General Electric's Consumers Institute, which has been testing major appliances from the homemakers' standpoint and advising consumers on their use for more than half a century, suggests these safety guidelines for the kitchen:

& Dishwasher: Always place sharp items in the silverware basket with their points down. If you find a utensil has slipped through to the bottom of the tub, do not attempt to remove it immediately at the end of the cycle, as touching the heating element could produce a bad burn.

√Range: Eliminate clutter around the range, particularly flammables. Pot holders, paper towels and waxed paper will ignite if they come into contact with heating elements hot enough to cook. Store flammable materials, such as lighter fluid, well away from the range, and keep a small fire extinguisher on hand (but not over the range), charged and ready to use. (Baking soda makes a good extinguisher, too. You might keep a box handy.)

√Weste Disposer: Always turn the power off before attempling to remove objects from the hopper. Use tongs, rather than your hand, to retrieve objects which have fallen in, and a wooden spoon, broom handle or similar tool

to loosen'a jam.

#Air Conditioner: Before cleaning the filter, turn off and unplug the unit.

√ Automatic Washer: Do not attempt to wash any materials saturated with flammable substances — such as gaso-line, cleaning fluids or wax until all traces have first been removed.

Dryer: Keep any items containing foam rubber out of the dryer. This includes pillows and padded bras. Dryer heat can restart curing process in rubber. (The Consumers Institute doesn't recommend washing them automat-

ically, either.) √Refrigerator: Avoid touching refrigeration coils, particularly when hands are damp, since skin may adhere to these

extremely cold surfaces. The GE Consumers Institute also recommends that when you acquire a new appliance, you read the instruction booklet thoroughly before you attempt to operate it. Keep such booklets handy, and refer to them whenever you have a question. Often, your problem can be quickly and safely corrected without the cost and time involved in calling a repairman. (Many manufacturer's instruction booklets have special sections on what to do before calling

the repairman.)
By observing the safety precautions cited, you will make your home safer and more enjoyable for every member of the family.