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It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so! ~Mark Twain

Did You Know?

Baby birds learn to sing. Baby birds are born with the ability to sing, but they must learn the specific songs of their species. They are thought to acquire these songs between 10 to 60 days of age and begin to sing them the next spring when they have matured at about 300 days old.

Spring Maintenance reminders:

- * Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries. Replace old detectors, if needed.
- * Check the batteries and reset set the clocks on your digital thermostats.
- * Test the circuits on your GFI outlets (in bathroom, kitchen, laundry & outside) by pressing test buttons on outlets.
- * Have fireplaces and/or wood stoves checked and cleaned, if needed. Have chimneys inspected and cleaned every couple of years.
- * Vacuum radiators and/or heat/air conditioning vents thoroughly.
- * Move furniture and drapes away from radiators for good heat and air conditioning circulation.
- * If you have a humidifier, clean it and check for leaks and proper operation.
- * If you have forced air heating/cooling, replace furnace air filters and vacuum air ducts. Have heat and or air conditioning ducts and dryer vent ducts cleaned every two years.
- * Check roof, gutters, downspouts, and earth grading to ensure that water runs 3 to 5 feet away from building(s).
- * Schedule gutter and downspout cleaning to remove leaves before spring rains.

Company Spotlight:



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The efficient use and production of power is more important today than ever before. Whether you'd like to use solar to reduce or eliminate your electric bill, install a standby generator to step in when a power outage occurs or benefit now from utility, there are several solar options available.

Solar Thermal

Experts claim that 30 percent of most household's energy consumption is used to heat water. Solar thermal produces hot water from the sun using a solar array made from special evacuated tubes. Water is heated during the peak sun hours of the day and stored in a special hot water tank for consumption in the off-peak hours. The evacuated tubes produce heat, even on a low sun day, thanks to the glass tubes. There is also an electric back-up in the hot water tank. The 100 gallon, hot water storage tank also helps ensure hot water is available when needed. Solar thermal is not recommended for heating your home or heating swimming pools. Solar thermal is eligible for a 30% tax credit through the federal government which is in place until December 31, 2016.

Standby Power

We've all spent time "in the dark" waiting for our utility to restore power. Connected to the existing LP or natural gas fuel supply, a standby generator switches on automatically within 10 seconds of a power outage at your home using an automatic transfer switch and runs for as long as necessary. Standby generators can be sized to cover essential circuits or manage the whole house. You can rest easy, even when away from home, that your necessary appliances will continue to run if a power outage would occur.

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From Jeff's Desk



I am writing this on March 23. Today is forecasted to be the warmest day of the year to date. It should reach nearly 80 degrees. The trees have budded and the flowers have bloomed. It feels like spring has arrived in full force. Just one year ago, on this date, the high temperature was 42 degrees! I am trying to take advantage of this beautiful weather by getting some much needed landscaping work done before the heat of summer arrives. It is so easy to establish the habit of ending a busy day by driving directly into the garage and never setting foot outside. We eat dinner, watch the news (or maybe a favorite "sit-com") and go to bed - only to repeat the same routine the next day. With this recent change in the weather, many of us have begun to spend a little more time outside. As nature is "springing" to life, we need to learn to "stop and smell the flowers"...literally. Now is a good time to re-evaluate our priorities. Take a few minutes to enjoy the beauty that God create for us to enjoy, take a walk with your spouse, have a "cook-out" with your neighbors, throw a baseball with your kids... Just get out and enjoy nature with someone you love!

- Jeff Musser

Spring Word Search

April	insect	shower
baseball	kite	soil
bird	leaf	spring
bloom	lilac	sprout
butterfly	March	stem
caterpillar	May	storm
chick	nest	sunshine
cloud	picnic	thaw
daffodil	plant	tulip
dig	puddle	umbrella
earth	rainbow	violet
egg	raincoat	warm
flower	rainy	water
fog	roots	weed
garden	season	wind
grow	seed	worm
hatch	shovel	

