



ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

May is National Electrical Safety Month, which is the perfect time to evaluate the safety of your home's electrical system. Outdated wiring and overloaded circuits are the most common causes of electrical fires. Check the following areas of your home to ensure your home's electrical safety is up to par.

1. Electrical outlets: Faulty electrical outlets are a leading cause of home fires. As outlets age, so do the wires behind them that you can't see. Any loose, damaged or warm-to-the-touch outlets should be repaired or replaced.

2. Electrical wiring: Outdated wiring is another common cause of electrical fires. Frequently tripped breakers, flickering lights and burning smells are clear warning signs. If your home is more than 20 years old, it may not be able to handle today's increased power load. If you suspect your home's wiring is outdated, leave this one to the pros and contact a qualified electrician.

3. Overloaded cords and outlets: Extension cords are not permanent solutions. If your big-screen TV, home theater system and other electronics are plugged into one extension cord, it's time to call an electrician and install additional outlets.

4. Old appliances: Older appliances are more likely to have loose or damaged wiring, which means they're more likely to catch fire. Check older appliances for damage and determine if it's time to upgrade or replace. Also check to ensure you're using appliance-grade outlets. A qualified electrician can help with installation.

Our offices will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day



BUYING A NEW HOME?

Make sure its electrical system is up to snuff

There are so many things to think about when buying a new home and moving. One of the last things might be the electrical system that's mostly hidden in the walls. But having your home's wiring, circuit box, outlets, switches and more checked out by a licensed electrician should be high on your list of things to do before closing.

DURING AN INSPECTION, THE ELECTRICAL PROFESSIONAL WILL:

- Identify any fire or safety hazards, including frayed, exposed or damaged wires, inside and outside receptacles not protected with arc or ground fault circuit interrupters, and tamper-resistant outlet electrical receptacles.
- Make sure all the electrical components are working safely.
- Identify any problem areas/wiring mistakes.
- Help meet insurance risk assessment inspection requirements.



WHY CAN BIRDS SIT ON POWER LINES WITHOUT BEING ELECTROCUTED?



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