



A word about electrical safety...

“Electrical accidents and fires cause personal injury to homeowners and millions of dollars of damage to homes each year. These tragedies often result from poor installation, outdated components and systems that have not been maintained.

To protect you, organizations like the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provide and continually update electrical standards for homes just like yours. These standards protect you, your home and your family from fire and electrical shock.

Plus, the electrical industry is constantly improving with new technology to make your home more energy efficient and safer. The electrical codes are constantly updated to reflect that technology, and many of these advancements have outdated many wiring methods used in the past. If your home hasn't been updated with the latest standards, you have a potential hazard under your roof. Electrocutation and fire are real threats.

To help in preventing these threats, it is important to have the batteries in your smoke detectors changed once (1) per year and cleaned to ensure safety. The smoke alarm should also be replaced every 7-10 years, along with being installed in the appropriate places. Don't forget most electrical fires can be prevented by regular scheduled maintenance.

With homeowner education, improved safety standards and local fire safety programs, homes are being protected and lives are being saved.”

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