



Habitat Happenings

A Newsletter for Habitat Families
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Community / Neighborhood Life

Having problems in your neighborhood with street lights? If so, please call Connecticut Light & Power at (860) 947-200 or look on the pole that has the light outage. Having other issues or concerns please contact the Mayor's Office by dialing 311.

Hartford County Farmers' Markets 2010 season:

Bloomfield

Saturdays, 9am -1pm
July- October 30
Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Ave.

East Hartford

Fridays, 9am-1pm
July 13- October 29
Raymond Memorial Library, 840 Main St.

Hartford

Thursdays, 11am- 2pm
May 6 – October 28
539 Broad St., Grassy Courtyard on
Billing Forge Campus
WIC & Senior FMNP Authorized
New! WIC Fruit & Vegetable
Checks Accepted EBT Accepted
www.hartfordfarmersmarket.org

North End

Wednesdays, 10am – 1pm
July 7 – November 3
80 Coventry St., in front of Northend Senior
Center WIC Fruit & Vegetable Checks
Accepted
EBT Accepted
www.hartfordfood.org

Manchester

Saturdays, 8am -12:30pm
July 10 – October 30
Town Parking Lot, corner of Main & Forest

Manchester Community College
Wednesdays, 2pm -5pm
MCC Band shell
WIC & Senior FMNP Authorized

New Britain

Mondays, 2pm – 4pm
July 19 – October 24
St. Ann's Church, 190 North St.
WIC & Senior FMNP Authorized

Cold Weather Tips for Conserving Energy:

- Weather-strip and caulk around doors and windows to limit air leaks. They could account for 10% of your home's heat loss.
- Energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs use up to 75% less electricity than the incandescent bulbs they replace.
- Draw curtains and shades at night to keep out cold air. Open them during the day to let in the warm solar energy.
- Vacuum radiator surfaces frequently. Dust can hamper air flow.

Visit www.cl-p.com for more tips!

Year Round Maintenance

As any new homeowner will tell you, constant proactive maintenance to your house can fend off costly repairs in the future. If you spend a little time in advance taking care of a few issues, you can avoid spending hundreds of dollars down the line. Basic preventative maintenance includes:

1. Cleaning out your gutters regularly. Most of the leaves are off the trees and cause severe damage to your gutters if not cleaned at least once per year. If you clean your gutters on a regular basis, you will ensure water flows away from your house properly, and will evade costly water damage. If rain goes over your gutters and drips from the roof, it means that your gutters need cleaning.
2. If you are experiencing mold or a moldy smell in your basement, pick up a mold kit from your local hardware store for about \$20.00. If you let mold build up over an extended period of time, it will be costly to remove. Mold can also be harmful to you and your family so take care of it quickly.
3. Clean your furnace at least once a year. Having a clean furnace will allow it to run more efficiently. By keeping it clean, you will also keep it working longer. Losing heat in your home during the cold winter months is definitely not enjoyable, so make sure your furnace is clean as we roll into the winter season.

These three concerns are just the start to keeping your home beautiful and functioning throughout the year. If you ever have a question as to what type of maintenance is required for a specific part of your home, most hardware stores are more than happy to point you in the right direction.

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