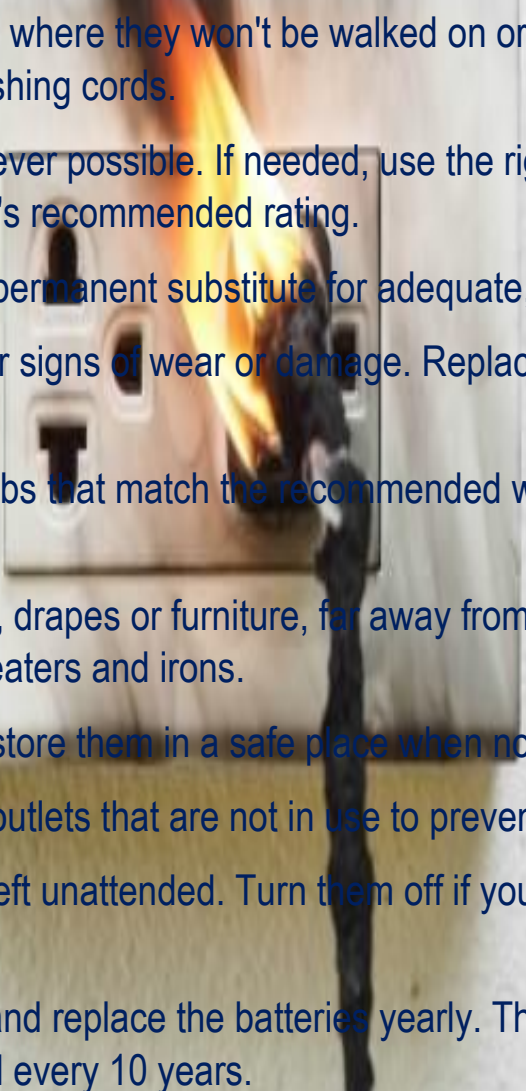




Energy Awareness



National Electrical Safety Month Shines a Light on Home Safety

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- 1) Prevent accidents by placing cords where they won't be walked on or tripped over. Avoid twisting, kinking or crushing cords.
 - 2) Avoid using extension cords whenever possible. If needed, use the right size cord for the job. Do not exceed the cord's recommended rating.
 - 3) Never use an extension cord as a permanent substitute for adequate, safe wiring.
 - 4) Inspect electrical cords regularly for signs of wear or damage. Replace damaged cords promptly.
 - 5) Bulb wattage matters! Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on a lamp or fixture.
 - 6) Keep combustibles, such as paper, drapes or furniture, far away from heat-producing appliances like space heaters and irons.
 - 7) Unplug cords and appliances and store them in a safe place when not in use.
 - 8) Use safety covers on all electrical outlets that are not in use to prevent shock.
 - 9) Portable heaters should never be left unattended. Turn them off if you leave the room and before going to sleep.
 - 10) Test smoke detectors monthly and replace the batteries yearly. The entire smoke detector should be replaced every 10 years.