

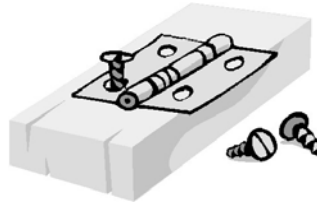
HOME APPEAL

WINTER

Removing Rusty Screws

Removing or replacing rusted screw will give the home a cleaner look.

To remove screws, bolts, or nuts from a metal surface, use penetrating oil (do not use on wood; the oil will be absorbed). If you do not have oil, try hydrogen peroxide, white vinegar, or household ammonia. A can of cola may also be used to lubricate a rusty screw.



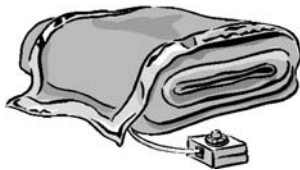
Note: kerosene can also be used, but since it is flammable do not use near an open flame.

Cold Weather Tips

Winter is here; it's time to convert your house to ensure a warm winter and low heating bills.

Time to caulk and weather strip all windows and doors.

To save on heating, stay in the warmest room, use the fireplace more and the space heaters less. Dress in layers with a scarf and hat to keep in body heat. At night, close curtains and sleep with extra blankets or a heating blanket.



Dog House Blues

A dog also needs shelter from the cold of winter. A doghouse should be made of plastic, painted or treated wood. The house should be raised off the ground a couple of inches and include a door flap to keep out the wind and rain.

As bedding, you can use newspaper or cedar shavings; never use rugs or rags for they can soak up water and freeze. Always have food and plenty of clean water to drink. During winter, check often, so the water does not freeze.

