

# Over the Fence

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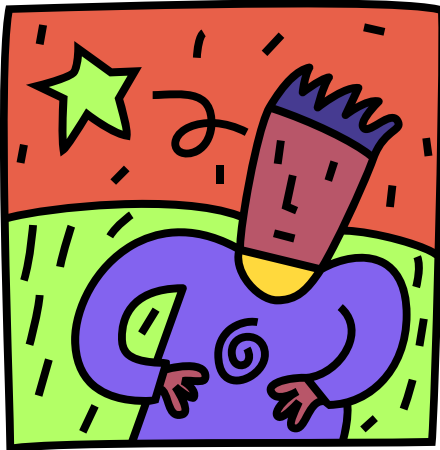


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## Washer/Dryer Safety Tips

*The leading cause of home clothes washer and dryer fires is failure to clean them.*

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not operate the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the lint filter before or after each use. Remove accumulated lint around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating.
- Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to ensure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are

used and that the machine is connected properly.

- Avoid overloading a washing machine or dryer. Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions.
- Do not leave a dryer running if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- Washing machines and dryers should be properly grounded.
- Never dry items that have come in contact with flammable substances, such as cooking oil, gasoline, paint thinner, alcohol.

- Keep the dryer area clear of things that can burn, such as boxes or clothing.

[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

## Fire Extinguishers Can Save Lives

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

### To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:

- **PULL** the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.
- **AIM** low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **SQUEEZE** the lever slowly and evenly.
- **Sweep** the nozzle from side-to-side.

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## OCTOBER

### National Chili Month

**October 4 -10: Fire Prevention Week**  
Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned!  
Visit the National Fire Prevention Association's website at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) for safety tips and information.

**October 12 (Monday): Columbus Day**

**October 31 (Saturday): Halloween**

## Halloween Safety Tips

- Check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- Remove obstacles from lawns, steps and porches when expecting trick-or-treaters.
- Keep candles and Jack O' Lanterns away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.
- Indoors, keep candles and Jack O' Lanterns away from curtains, decorations and other combustibles that could catch fire. Do not leave burning candles unattended.
- Don't overload extension cords.
- Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.



*What do birds give out on Halloween night? Tweets...*



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## Do You Know Your Family’s Safety IQ?

Underwriters Laboratories, the independent product safety organization, sponsored the Safety Smart Survey that reveals that 90 percent of parents in the United States feel responsible for supplying their children with safety information. At the same time, nine out of 10 children grades K-5 rely on their parents for safety information to keep them safe.

### Safety tips:

1. Physically lower yourself to a child's point of view and search each of your home's rooms for objects or situations that may endanger your child.
2. In homes with very young children, lock up lower cabinets containing cleaners or health products. If you own guns or other weapons, be sure to keep those items locked up at all times.
3. Check to see you have working smoke alarms at home and practice a fire evacuation plan, including a rendezvous point for family members outside of the home.
4. Turn down the water heater's temperature (120 degrees Fahrenheit is recommended) to prevent accidental scalding.
5. There is no substitute for parental supervision. With babies and toddlers, moms and dads should scan for them every 10 seconds and never let them be any more than 20 seconds away from reach.

*For a complete safety checklist, visit [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com)*

### CROCK POT CHILI RECIPE

- 2 (16) oz cans kidney beans, drained
  - 2 (14) oz cans tomatoes, cut up
  - 2 lbs ground beef, browned and drained
- Chop:**
- 1 large onion
  - 1 green pepper
  - 1 red pepper
  - 2 tablespoons minced garlic
  - 3 tablespoons chili powder
  - 1 teaspoon black pepper
  - 1 teaspoon cumin
  - 6 oz jar sliced jalapenos (with juice)
  - 2 teaspoons Tabasco



Add all ingredients into a Crock-Pot and set on high for the first hour; then reduce heat to low and continue to cook for 5 hours.

Visit [www.goodchilirecipes.com](http://www.goodchilirecipes.com) for many more chili recipes that may fit your taste!

