

# SAFETY NOTES

## Spring Cleaning

Some Safety tips to consider as you embark on spring cleaning:

- When working outside, use outlets equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters.
- Never use electric tools, such as hedge trimmers, under wet conditions.
- Before using a ladder, make sure the ladder is in good shape and can support your weight. Never climb a broken ladder.
- Consider installing carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
- When cleaning out closets or re-organizing, always keep stairs, steps, landings, and all floors clear.
- When cleaning out cabinets, separate dangerous products and medications and lock them up, out of reach of young children.
- It is also a good idea to call the gas or electrical company to make sure there aren't any underground lines before digging any holes
- Make sure that your vacuum cleaner bag or filter is cleaned out regularly in order to cut down on the number of dust particles created while vacuuming.
- Be sure to keep all cleaning products which may contain poisonous chemicals out of the reach of small children.
- Follow product label safety recommendations, like wearing gloves and masks, when using harsh cleaning chemicals.
- Do not mix household cleaning products together because their contents could react with dangerous results.
- Test your smoke alarms to make sure they are in proper working order.
- Empty buckets after use and always store them turned over or upside down.
- Never prop the handle on you lawnmower so that it won't shut off when you let go of the handle.
- Post the Poison Help Line number and local police and fire numbers by your phone.

