

Ashtrays Belong in Every Room

A must, not only during Spring Clean-Up Week, but all year round, is the proper attention to the condition of ashtrays in every room of the home, the American Insurance Association said today.

Ashtrays, preferably large ones, should be kept in every room. They should be substantial and made of metal, glass or some other fire resistant material.

A companion warning is this:

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DE-PAPERING . . . To loosen old wall paper, there's nothing like a garden sprayer or insect killer gun filled with a mixture of hot water and equal amounts of sudless, automatic washer detergent and sal soda concentrated.

Re-Papering a Room? De-Papering Is First

When it comes to repapering walls, if there are three or less previous layers of paper and the last one is in good condition, just add the new one over the old. Apply paste sparingly, for the moisture from the excess paste can soften the old paste, loosening the old wall paper. It's down to the bare plaster if there are already more than three thicknesses of paper.

The easiest way to get there is with the garden sprayer filled with piping hot mixture of water, three tablespoons of sudless automatic washer detergent and an equal amount of sal soda concentrated. When sprayed on the wall in a fine mist, the mixture penetrates and loosens paper.

THEN JUST peel it off from the top downwards with an occasional nudge with a wide-plated putty knife. Any re-

maining scraps of paper or dry glue can be scrubbed off, while the wall is still damp, with a stiff-bristled brush sprinkled with dry sal soda. Rinse wall and let dry thoroughly before proceeding with the papering.

If you have a yen to paper a painted wall, some preliminary action is needed. Wash wall thoroughly with a warm solution of sal soda concentrated . . . six tablespoons to the bucket of water. Rinse well; and when dry, coat with a thin glue size. When this is dry, paper.

REPAINTING a wall also calls for a preliminary wash-down. Play lazy and skip this important step, and fresh paint may chip, peel or blister. The pores of the surface are already filled with moisture, grease or soil, so the fresh paint can't penetrate and form a firm bond.

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