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WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME RYAN TO TEAM ASTLEY

Ryan is our new 1st Year Apprentice that joined us earlier this year.



WINTER SAFETY TIPS

It is reported that in NSW alone 40% of home fires are caused by faulty electrical appliances.

Electric heaters:

No matter what type of electric heater you have, a general check of these appliances should be done during and after use.

- Buying Australian made heaters made for the Australian standards.
- Signs of discolouration of both the appliance and the electrical plug are the first signs that something is wrong and needs attention or replacement ASAP before a potential fire.
- Clean your heater from any dust

- Plug your heater directly into the power point on your wall. Never plug the heater into a power board or use extension cords as the high current flow needed for heaters can overheat or even catch fire due to the added energy flow.
- Unplug heaters when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Keep heaters away from anything that can burn.

Electric blankets:

Your electric blanket also needs to be checked continuously and signs of danger include fraying cabling, exposed elements and discoloured electrical cabling and plugs.

Please replace the electric blanket if it is showing any of these signs as generally they are not repairable.

Power Boards:

As we all know, everyone uses these on a daily basis with the continual need for more technology. Please do not use these for any heating appliances as they are the most common cause of electrical overload and potential fire.

Switchboards:

If your house switchboard is up to the latest Electrical Standard for safety and performance (AS/NZ3000:2018) then you have the greatest level of safety for any potential fire danger.

Smoke Alarms

Don't forget to make sure your smoke detector is operational and not more than 8 years old.

Tumble Dryers

As we use dryers more often in winter to dry our clothes - remember to empty lint filters regularly.

NSW Fire and Rescue has a Winter Fire Safety Checklist that you can check around your home

<https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/community/Winter%20Fire%20Safety%20Checklist.pdf>

NEWS



FOXTEL

Did you know that Foxtel is in the middle of losing their existing cable infrastructure which is going to be used exclusively for the NBN.

If you have an existing IQ 2, 3 or 4 Foxtel box connected to the cable network you are about to lose that ability and will be offered either a satellite service or a Foxtel IQ5 internet streaming service. You might ask, what does that mean for me, well - if you want a satellite dish on your roof, no problem other than you will also need a TV antenna to pick up "Free to Air" TV as well as you will also need to be connected to the internet for streaming services.

The other Foxtel available via IQ5 box is a pure streaming service that relies on your internet being reliable and of a high speed. This service also needs a TV antenna as it does not have "Free to Air" TV on its streaming service.

If this all sounds too complicated please give us a call at Astley Electrical and we can step you through the process.



TIPS ON ENERGY SAVINGS FOR WINTER

- Turn off non essential appliances at the switch
- Turn off light switches when leaving the room
- Close curtains and doors to stop draughts & on sunny days, open the curtains to catch those winter sun.
- Have shorter showers
- Use a ceiling fan to move warm air around your home
- Set your fridge between 3-4 degrees Celsius.
- Set your freezer between 15 -18 degrees Celsius
- Use door snakes to stop draughts.
- Wash in cold water
- Dial down the thermostat on your heater to around 18-20 degrees Celsius
- If your heater is zoned, only heat the rooms you are using
- Close doors to all other rooms to help contain the heat
- Sounds obvious, but keep external doors and windows closed against the cold

OUR TEAM

Miles Astley: Managing Director, Special Class Electrician with over 40 years experience in the electrical, communication and audio/visual industry.

Aaron Astley: Director, Electrician Supervisor - C'Bus specialist, Certificate III Telecommunication, Dynalite Accredited

Ben Astley: Director, Electrician Supervisor, Certificate III Telecommunication, Dynalite Accredited

Nathan Wall: Licensed Tradesman

Anthony Lake: Licensed Tradesman

Daniel Macqueen: 4th Year Apprentice

Jordan Andersen: 4th Year Apprentice

Chris James: 4th Year Apprentice

Ryan Brophy: 1st Year Apprentice

Jacki Astley:
Office Manager

Sarah Parker:
Administration

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