

# THE HELPFUL HOME

## NEWSLETTER

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### Some information about this newsletter



Here is your new summer issue of the Helpful Home newsletter, your “gift” from **STONEHOLLOW, Inc. FINE HOME INSPECTIONS**. Usually I love summer, but this summer I just can’t seem to catch up. Things to do around the house are waiting, I’ve been running around training new inspectors in New Haven and Manhattan and making sure the radio show sounds interesting. The weather has been hot and we are in the midst of an austerity project to try to reduce electrical consumption. We are unplugging anything we do not need to have on. I’m trying to eliminate unnecessary pilot lights, clocks and keeping the cooling settings lower. At the time of this writing (around July 28th) we have saved better than \$200 bucks and reduced usage incredibly. (see page 2) see more of the things I have done. The Real Estate market has continued to slog along at a very slow pace...this spring and over the last few weeks we have seen it pick up a bit. We are pleased to note that many of our calls have been owners looking to have us consult with them on Home safety and maintenance inspections. Making sure their homes are safe and operating properly. Others are hiring us to help get more money for their homes when the time is ripe to sell. We always ask our clients to fill in an evaluation form to make sure they were happy with our inspection services. Some of the feedback we are getting is absolutely wonderful...LouAnn writes *“Thank you for helping us make some important decisions before we spent too much money prior to*

*putting our house on the market. You helped us to focus on some very key issues.”* Kitty wrote, *“The report was extremely organized and very easy to access the info”*. Ron & Julie said *“We had a great experience and would use you again.”* Thanks for your kind words! With warm summer breezes, it’s time to enjoy your home, whether you’re lazing on the deck or entertaining family with a barbeque... we’ve included some tips on these as well. As usual we will have included a new Summertime Checklist and some info about our ever growing services...please do let us know what you think! Send us an e-mail at [steve@stonehollow.com](mailto:steve@stonehollow.com) and let us know how we can better assist you.



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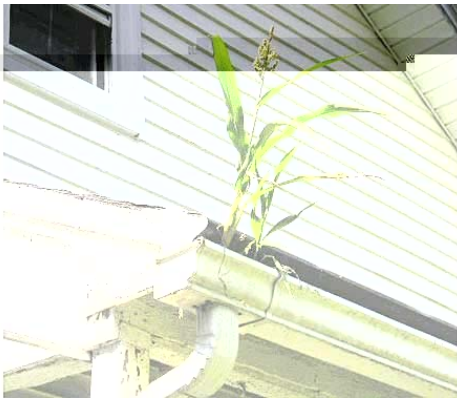
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Check List:

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4. Change dimmer switches you rarely use to regular switches, and turn them off.
5. Add Energy Star rated florescent bulbs that are for lamps and ceiling lights.
6. Change exterior light timers and shorten hours of operation. Improve these bulbs with Energy Star type bulbs.
7. Use dryers sparingly, hair blowers are huge power users... so are ovens and microwaves.
8. Use ceiling fans on low (above your beds...) save the a/c for really hot nights.

**Photos of things inspectors see on inspections:  
Would you recognize the problem?**



Corn growing in the gutters...I'm all ears!  
from Chip Nai, Qualitech, Enfield CT.



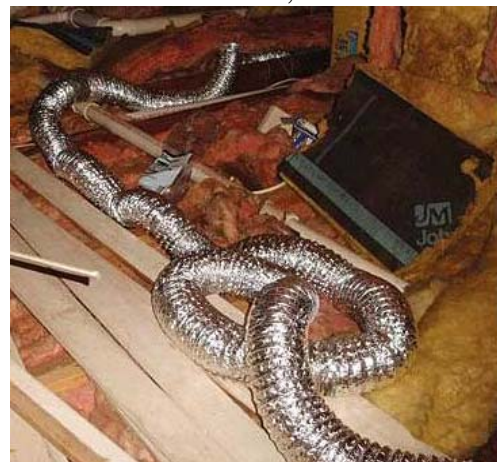
Exhaust could send Carbon Monoxide into room with A/C from Bob Mulloy East Bridgewater, MA



Tired (pun intended) of water coming in?  
From Keith Nelson Amerispec Omaha, Neb.



Termite shelter tubes on the porcelain!  
Chris Andler, Your Whole House Inc, Cincinnati, Oh.



Do you really think the odors and moisture go outside? Bob Mulloy, Allsafe Home Inspections

**Stonehollow now expanding to  
New Haven County areas**

Melvin Wilkes, ACI (ASHI Certified Inspector)

**The Great House Project...**

This summer: Some new flowers and shrubs have been planted. Seven stumps removed. A new electric line has been run to the back drive. We replaced the natural gas grill and we are looking at interlocking pavers as a potential for a back patio. I'm touch-up painting areas inside. The dehumidifier is keeping the basement dry and less musty smelling.

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**More Photos from the field: These are some of the recent submissions of Around the House "T" shirts:**



Marilyn C. , Nick Evans, Alanna T., Lenny Scinto, Anna D., Lisa Wexler , Joe & Rosemary B. and Peter A. showing off their Around the House "T" shirts...

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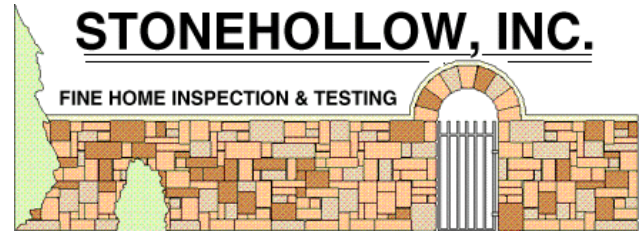
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