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In the town of Albeville in southeastern France they make electricity from cheese! Since whey isn't needed to make Beaufort cheese, bacteria is added to the whey, it is then left to ferment, producing a mixture of methane and carbon dioxide..In essence, biogas. The gas is then fed through an engine that heats water to 90 degrees Celsius (194 degrees Fahrenheit) and the steam is used to generate electricity. The plant will produce about 2.8 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year, that enough electricity to supply a community of 1500 people. No Whey!!!!

Source: ZME Science

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News That Will Shock You

Holiday Gift Guide:

For a Loved One with an Older Home

(Give the Gift of Power)

Perhaps one of the most challenging traditions of the holiday season is making a shopping list and checking it twice. To help alleviate the gift-giving stress, we suggest that you consider gifting home safety devices to your loved ones this year. These unique gift ideas go beyond the traditional, providing the added gift of safety to those with an older home. Contact a licensed electrician to install arc fault circuit interrupters and ground fault circuit interrupters that provide enhanced protection against electrical fires and shocks or electrocution. What is an arc fault circuit interrupter you ask?? These interrupters are advanced safety devices that replace the standard circuit breakers in a home's electrical panel to help prevent electrical fires before they have a chance to start. 46,500 home electrical fires that occur in the United States



every year, happen when the electrical wiring becomes damaged, stressed, overheated or worn. AFCIs detect hazardous arcing conditions and shut down the electricity to the circuit before a fire can start. The current edition of the National Electrical Code requires that AFCIs be installed in the bedrooms and other living areas of all newly constructed homes. Standard circuit breakers in existing homes can also easily be upgraded to AFCIs. AFCIs should be installed by a licensed, qualified electrician. AFCIs need to be tested every month, using the TEST button, to ensure they are working properly. Let's talk about Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) A GFCI is a device designed to protect people from electric shock and electrocution. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Installation of GFCIs in all homes could prevent over two-thirds of the electrocutions that occur



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each year in and around the home. A GFCI constantly monitors electricity flowing in a circuit. If it senses any loss of current, the GFCI quickly switches off power to that circuit.

GFCIs can be installed in the main service panel but are more commonly used in place of standard electrical outlets. Typically, GFCIs are installed in areas where water and electricity are in proximity, such as bathrooms, garages, kitchens, basements and outdoors. Portable GFCIs are another type of GFCI that require no tools to install, providing flexibility in using receptacles that are not permanently GFCI protected. They are commonly used outdoors. GFCIs can be damaged or wear out over time as a result of voltage surges from lightning, utility switching or simply normal usage. An outlet may still work, but if the GFCI is not functioning properly, it is not providing shock protection. Test GFCIs monthly by using the TEST button to ensure they are in proper working order.



Source: esfi.org

The Live Wire

If you are still plugging your valuable appliances and electronic devices directly into a wall outlet, they are susceptible to extensive damage!! Lightning strikes, power outages, and surges can put all your electronics and appliances at risk of damage. Whole home surge protection is designed to protect your costly appliances and electronics from any type of power surge, making them an important part of any home electrical system! While surge protectors and power strips may look similar, it is important to note that they are very different. Power strips just provide additional space to plug things in. Is your home protected? Call Brand Home Service to schedule a safety evaluation at 765-732-7263.

Customer Reviews >>>



The electricians were friendly, professional and thorough

– A Very Satisfied Customer



Everyone is very easy to work with and they did an excellent job helping me update some lighting in my home!

– A Very Happy Customer



Technician was very professional, and knowledgeable. He was very precise with his work and left no mess behind. I would recommend Brand.

– Another Satisfied Customer



I wouldn't hesitate to contact Brand Home Service. The team is very knowledgeable and professional.

– Another Happy Customer

THANK YOU!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!

Homemade Apple Cider

Ingredients:

- 10 large apples, quartered
- 1 orange, halved
- 4 cinnamon stick
- 1 tsp. whole cloves
- 1 tsp. whole allspice
- 1 whole nutmeg
- ½ c. packed brown sugar



Source: acouplecooks.com

Directions:

1. In a large stockpot over medium heat, add apples, oranges, spices, and brown sugar. Cover with water by at least 2". Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, 2 hours.
2. Remove orange halves, then use a potato masher or wooden spoon to mash apples. Return to simmer and let simmer uncovered for 1 hour more.
3. Strain through a fine mesh strainer, pressing on solids with a wooden spoon to squeeze all juices out. Discard solids
4. Serve Apple cider warm



What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

Claus-trophobia!!!

**Contact information on last page.*

Plug into Fun!

Looking to power up your plans? There's lots to do locally!



Dec 10th: Family Day! Driving the Tree Home
Dec 16th: Donuts with Santa
Jan 1st: Run in the New Year
Jan 21st: Indiana @ Purdue
Feb 10th: Hairspray

Location: Painting with a Twist
Location: McAllister Recreation Center
Location: 1600 Cumberland Ave, W Lafayette
Location: Mackey Complex
Location: Elliott Hall of Music

Special Savings

Let Brand Lend a Hand in keeping your home safe! We value our Safety and Savings Plan Members, and as a special thank you, we are offering some BIG discounts. Check out the exclusive savings below!



EXCLUSIVE SAVINGS!

Waive the Dispatch Fee on any service work: a \$49 Value!

Expires 3/31/2024

Must present coupon at time of service. May not combine with any other offers. Service must be performed for coupon eligibility.

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Look for more special savings and additional tips and tricks!

Notes from the Office >>>

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way! The Christmas season is upon us, and it is time get the decorations out of storage, hang the stockings, put up the tree, and string the lights. It is time to search for the best deals on the latest gadgets and gizmos. It is time to wrap presents and send out Christmas cards. It is time to build a snowman (weather permitting), make hot chocolate, and watch "It's a Wonderful Life".

With all the time spent on fun Christmas activities, here's to hoping we can find time to take a deep breath, relax, enjoy time with family and friends, and remember the reason for the season: the birth of Christ. It is a wonderful time to remember the many blessings we have and to share what we can with others who are in need.

From our entire team at Brand Home Service, we'd like to wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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