

plugged in

THE EXPERT TRADESMEN'S NEWSLETTER

Swing into Spring with the second edition of *Plugged In!*

JEDI PLUMBING AND EVEREST Electrical would like to give a warm welcome to all our club members. We hope you and yours stayed warm this winter and are now ready to swing into spring.

At a business seminar we recently attended, there was a buzz word or rather acronym "VFP"! Valuable Final Product.

At Everest Electrical and Jedi Plumbing we believe our VFP is giving our clients honest professional advice and solutions that keep you up to date but most of all safe... so, if you have the spring cleaning bug, be sure to check out our articles to prevent safety hazards from electrical or plumbing issues and ensure your home is mould free too with proper ventilation.

Thank you everyone for your continued support. We look forward to being of service when you need us next. Until then, stay safe and happy spring cleaning...

All the teams at Everest Electrical and Jedi Plumbing. ■

Get ready... Spring fever is real!

WHEN A SUDDEN WARM SPELL follows a long period of cold weather, our blood vessels expand and dilate, carrying our blood closer to the body surface and heat is lost more quickly. The energetic buzz from this is called "spring fever".

Spring cleaning often accompanies spring fever. If you have the spring cleaning bug, why not perform a simple electrical safety assessment at the same time?

Cords

- Frayed or damaged cords or cord ends that expose wires present potential shock and fire hazards and should be replaced.
- Use outdoor-rated extension cords when working in your yard and always plug into an outlet with safety switch protection to avoid potential shock hazards.

Wiring

- Be sure circuit breakers and fuses are correctly labelled with their amperage and their corresponding rooms, circuits or outlets. Use correct size and current rating for breakers/fuses.
- Fuse Box/Circuit Breakers – Are fuses/circuit breakers correct size for the circuit? (wrong size can allow too much current to flow and cause wiring to overheat, creating a fire hazard).
- Aging electrical systems – As you add more gadgets to your home's electrical system, it can become overburdened. Check with your electrician if your wiring needs upgrading.
- Test safety switch devices monthly. To test your safety switch, locate it and press the test button. You should hear a snap sound and power

should be cut-off to the corresponding circuit. This confirms that it is working. Simply reset the safety switch to turn the circuit back on. Contact your electrician if the test fails.

Lights

- Check lights – do you have the correct wattage for the fixtures? Bulbs of higher wattage than recommended may overheat fixtures, wiring or nearby combustibles and lead to a fire!

Smoke Detectors

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Outlets & Switches

- Do all electrical plugs fit snugly into outlets and are they working properly? Loose connections can cause overheating and fires!
- Do all outlets and switches have faceplates covering the wiring? Exposed wires are a shock hazard!
- Are electrical outlets overloaded with plugs? Are power bars and extension cords being overloaded or used alot? This can cause overheating and potential fire hazards. Contact a licensed and qualified electrician to assess your home's electrical system, or to add new outlets.
- Do your outdoor outlets have weather-proof covers? Without weatherproof covers moisture can enter outdoor outlets and cause malfunction, which can pose a possible shock or fire hazard! ■

800kWh

The amount of electricity you could save per year simply by turning off appliances at the power point.

Standby power is estimated to account for up to 9% of a home's electricity useage.



Remember...
to mention your membership
when you book in your
next job with us.

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Target mould this Spring

IS GETTING RID OF MOULD part of your spring cleaning? Are you forever scrubbing it off bathroom tiles or wiping it from shoes and bags in the bottom of your wardrobe? The damp, dark and poorly ventilated conditions that occur during winter provide a perfect environment for mould to grow.

Mould is a fungal growth, and while not all people are adversely affected by it, it can pose serious health risks to others. Symptoms caused by a mould allergy include:

- Respiratory illness
- Watery, itchy red eyes
- Chronic cough
- Headaches or migraines
- Rashes
- Tiredness
- Sinus problems
- Frequent sneezing

Killing the mould and cleaning it off your surfaces is definitely a priority for right now. However, preventing its return in the future is probably the most important thing you can do for your family's health. That's where your plumber and electrician can help!

The only lasting cure for mould is to reduce the dampness. Here's how your Plumber and Electrician can assist:

- Inspect drainage and storm water lines for damage.
- Test water pipework for leaks.
- Install surface drains and sub soil drains to prevent water coming into contact with your house – especially important for houses on a sloping block.



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- Ensure gutters and downpipes are in a good state of repair.
- Install exhaust fans and heat lights in your bathroom to eliminate much of the moisture that builds up.
- Install ventilation over appliances producing moisture, such as dryers and stoves.
- Combat rising damp and poor sub floor air quality by installing subfloor ventilation fans.

So if mould is a problem in your house, don't put your families health at risk any longer. A permanent solution is available! ■

3000Lt

The amount of water you can save by using a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and will save you money.

Tough blokes!



DEB BAKER AND ANDREW JEFFERYS from Jedi Plumbing & Everest Electrical completed the tough bloke challenge this year. It was, as quoted from the flyer... "a rope swinging, mud crawling, leg busting 8km course of running and obstacles to push the limits in the ultimate test of toughness". So I guess that means we at Everest Electrical and Jedi Plumbing will be tough enough to handle any electrical or plumbing obstacle you have for us... well at least two of our members are ;)

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that the average person spends **3 years** of their life on "the john?!"



The **Electric Blanket** was invented in 1912 by American physician Sidney I. Russell.

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