

**SMOKE ALARMS HELP
SAVE LIVES**

More people die from smoke than flames in a fire. Smoke contains poisonous gases. Just a few breaths can kill.

Most fatal fires occur at night while you are sleeping. You need early warning to escape.

Protect your family. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries yearly.

Fire won't wait, so plan your escape. When the smoke alarm goes off, know how to escape safely.

Your local fire department says that smoke alarms can help save lives.

**Wastewise
reward**

Anne de Groot was rewarded for her environmentally friendly shopping habits Monday as Wastewise spotted her in the Georgetown IGA using canvas shopping bags.

For her efforts, Anne received a subscription to Earthkeeper magazine, a packaging shopping kit and coupons for free sorts at Wastewise.

Wastewise students Jennifer Duff and Bill Wray helped present the goodies. Wastewise targeted several local businesses in search of consumer waste-reducing habits. The searches were in conjunction with Waste Reduction Week in Ontario from September 27 to October 4. Photo by Wendy Long.



Thank You!!

Anna and Minas of Golden Fish & Chips, Downtown Georgetown wish to announce that effective October 5th, they have sold their business and want to thank all their friends and customers for their continued support over the past 10 years.

*Thanks again,
Anna and Minas, Golden Fish & Chips*

Home fire survival: Plan ahead

Picture this scenario: It is 2 a.m. and you awake to the scream of your smoke alarm...Your eyes are burning from the acrid smoke that is rapidly filling your home and your child is crying in the room next door.

Would you know what to do? Would your loved ones know what to do? Could everyone get out safely?

This is the time when every second counts and when your pre-fire planning can definitely pay off. Many people are unable to get out safely because they panic and do not know what to do when confronted by smoke or fire. Many people never get out alive.

Take a few minutes right now to

think about what you would do if a fire broke out in your home tonight when everyone is asleep.

Here are some important tips to consider:

- * All home escape plans should begin with the installation or maintenance of smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm will warn you of a fire but you must know the immediate actions to take to ensure that everyone escapes safely.
- * Plan two ways out of each area of the home in case your normal route is blocked by smoke. Make sure that the second way out can be easily accessed by all individuals.
- * Choose a meeting place outside the home. Everyone must get out quickly and go to the pre-arranged

meeting place to ensure that all are accounted for.

- * Call the Fire Department from a neighbor's house. Never go back into a burning building.
- * Have everyone practice your escape plan at least twice a year. Be sure that everyone knows how they would get out of every room, not just their own bedrooms.
- * If smoke is encountered, everyone should crawl on their hands and knees under the smoke to the nearest exit.

The Halton Hills Fire Department wants you to be prepared if a fire strikes your home. Contact your fire department for further information on home escape planning. Plan to live.

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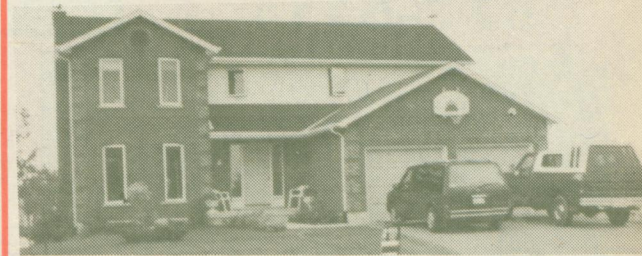


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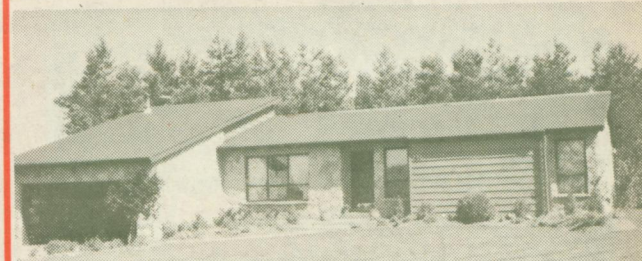
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