

should fit tightly on the top tile, so that frogs, mice and other critters can't get in for a drink.

Outward appearances can be deceiving though, so every two or three years the lid should be removed for closer inspection. Have your neighbour or a friend help you lift off the lid (*those things are heavy, you know*). Checking the underside of the lid is especially important as gases from the minerals in the water, and warm moist air in the winter-time,

can cause degradation of the lid from the inside. The underside of the lid can flake away, making the lid very thin, while appearing quite normal on the outside.

While this doesn't happen very often, no one wants to take a chance with a 50 to 80-foot deep hole in their lawn. Children love to climb and jump on well lids (*or anything else that grows out of your backyard*). So if the lid is cracked or showing signs of degradation, it should be replaced.

While you've got the lid off, you can check the tiles for cracks, and the joints for signs of surface water infiltration. Leaks or cracks should be parged up with mortar or sealed with caulking. If all seems in order, replace the lid, thank your neighbour, and maybe offer to help him check his.

It only takes a few minutes to do, and provides you with peace of mind every time you turn on your tap, or let your children out to play.



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 Close doors leading to unheated parts of the house. If you have a spare room that's not being used, close the hot air register or turn down the baseboard heater and close the door to that room.

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Pictured above is two of a series of new safety signs. They have been designed especially for children to warn them of the dangers of playing with equipment and climbing hydro towers or poles. Some of the signs feature ZAP the Electrical Safety Bird and all feature a very clear warning. Why not take a minute to talk to your children about electrical safety outdoors? Show them the signs in this ad. Thank you for helping.

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