NEVER keep dish or paper towels near heating elements or burners.

DO NOT leave cooking unattended.

Turn pot handles inward to prevent scalding or worse.

NEVER cook with loose fitting clothing.
No home appliance is more indispensible than the microwave oven.

Add to that, the variety of others, among them griddle irons, clothes irons, toasters, toaster ovens, dishwashers, warming trays and space heaters, the array of small and large appliances in the typical Garden State residence reflects how we enjoy the convenience of them.

However, neglect and abuse of them can result in very serious hazards.

Here are some steps to take to keep your appliances fire safe.

- **Unplug immediately any appliance that sparks or arcs.**
- **Use extension cords wisely.**
- **Regularly check them for wear.**
- **NEVER use extension cords as permanent wiring.**
- Keep appliances away from wet areas in the kitchen, basement or garage.
- Check household electrical service and consult a NJ licensed electrician for any problem.