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The Advantages of Heat Pumps...

Higher energy costs and chances of fuel shortages continue making headlines in today's news. If you are looking for ways to reduce your heating and cooling costs and improve the efficiency of your present heating system, consider installing a heat pump.

A heat pump not only looks like your air conditioner, it cools and performs just like one during the cooling season. In winter, a heat pump will provide 70 percent of your heating needs in a cost efficient manner. During temperatures of 20 degrees F and below, your heat pump automatically allows your furnace to provide continuous, comfortable warmth.

With today's fossil fuel prices, heat pumps are being installed more than ever before. Shouldn't you?

To learn more about the advantages of owning a heat pump, visit www.nppd.com.



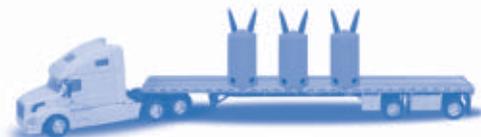
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NPPD Collectible Trucks

Thinking of getting an early start on your Christmas shopping? NPPD collectible toy trucks are fun, affordable and easy to order!

NPPD has offered collectible toy trucks for the past six years. And we're excited about the selections in our 2004 campaign.



Adults and older children will delight in our die-cast 18-wheeler.

\$29.95 ◀

This 1:64 scale model replica of a Volvo 670 has a detailed interior, steerable front wheels, metal grab bars, airline hoses and a flatbed trailer complete with three transformers. It measures 13 inches in length, is 1.75 inches wide, 2.25 inches high and is customized with the NPPD logo. The truck is the third model to be offered in the die-cast series of NPPD trucks. It's a must have for the serious collector and sells for \$29.95. Not recommended for children under eight years of age.

Prices include shipping and handling and a \$5 donation to charity.



We're doubly excited about the 1:24 scale remote control plastic bucket truck.

\$39.95 ◀

This wireless remote control features an International 4400 Series cab and has an authentic working boom that elevates and rotates 360 degrees. Fueled by AA batteries, it is scale speed rated at 90 miles per hour! It can be operated indoors on carpet or hard wood floors and easily navigates small gravel and paved surfaces outdoors. There's a heavy-duty front bumper, a pintle hook for towing and a caution light bar with outriggers. Measuring 13.5 inches from its front bumper to the rear of its boom, seven inches from the ground to the top of the boom, and five inches wide, it is customized with the NPPD logo. With forward and reverse gears and left and right steering, hours of fun with this truck can be yours for only \$39.95. This unit is not suitable for children under four years of age. Batteries are not included. In order to conserve battery life for the truck, lights are not operational.

How to order

Online:
www.toysbydg.com/9100

Call:
(toll free) 1-888-434-8697

Questions:
Ev Chittenden (402) 563-5618

Order by:
Oct. 31 to ensure delivery for Christmas
Trucks will be delivered Dec. 1-15

Make Harvest Safety... Your Most Important Crop

Labor Day Trivia



Labor Day was first observed on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. Historians disagree on whom to credit as founder. Some say Peter J. McGuire, a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor; others favor Matthew Maguire, secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

Legislation passed on Feb. 21, 1887, gave Oregon the distinction of being the first state to officially recognize Labor Day as a "workingman's" holiday. Nebraska followed suit in 1889.

On July 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

Take a moment this Labor Day to say thank you and pay tribute to the backbone of our great Nation, the American worker.

Source: www.dol.gov

In observance of Labor Day, NPPD retail offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6, 2004.

Look up and look out for overhead power lines!



Harvest season is a busy time for farmers. In the rush to get their product to market, they put in long days, sometimes working well into the night. Operating machinery and moving around the fields in dark conditions can produce dangerous situations. Be aware of farm safety at all times and keep these safe practices in mind:

- Be alert to potential electrical hazards. Give your equipment a minimum 10-foot clearance from power lines. Electricity can arc through the air, electrifying metal vehicles.
- Guy wires that anchor poles can get caught in equipment and pull

electric lines toward you. Keep a wide distance.

- To maintain your equipment, keep it dry and in good condition. Have a qualified electrician check the connections in your outbuildings and, if necessary, have them repaired or upgraded.
- Always lower your grain auger when moving from bin to bin.
- When lifting and moving irrigation pipe, make sure it doesn't touch any power lines.

If your machinery comes in contact with a power line, stay inside the vehicle. Call for help on a cell phone, if you have one. If not, wait for help to come to you. Warn the person away from your vehicle and instruct them to call the utility company to de-energize the line.

It's time for a checkup...

Before the cold winter winds blow, here are some helpful suggestions to prepare your home for the heating season.



To make sure your heat pump or furnace will work properly, call a professional serviceman to check the unit. Service should include cleaning, oiling, thermostat check and a new filter.

electric heaters. Don't use units with worn, frayed or cracked wiring. Have the wiring replaced by a qualified electrician. If the unit cannot be repaired, disable it before disposing.



Check the wiring and controls of portable



Taking preventative measures today will help your house stay safe and warm all winter long.

Have a question for us?

Call 1-877-ASK-NPPD

(1-877-275-6773)

We look forward to serving you.