



# Around The Home

## What's Up With Outlets

(NAPSA)—While you probably don't think much about electrical outlets, you should know that there's a whole new generation of receptacle wall boxes and accessories that can make your life easier—and safer.

Here's a look at just a few of the more interesting functional electrical wall boxes now available:

**A helping hand.** The Carlon® Retractable Work Surface Receptacle offers the convenience and safety of placing an electrical outlet on a work surface, where most electronic devices are used. When the outlet is not in use, it can be recessed below the work surface by pushing down on its cover; the outlet becomes accessible by pulling up the integral grip on its cover. The receptacle can be mounted easily with the holesaw provided. No wiring is required, as a six-foot cord connects the receptacle to an existing outlet.

**Get it together.** Wall-mounted, flat-screen televisions look great but don't peek behind them at the wiring; chances are there's a nightmare of outlets and cables. The Carlon Recessed Work Plate is an innovative way of organizing this wiring to make a neat, attractive installation. It also has an exclusive template feature that makes accurately cutting the box opening easier.

**High and dry.** Water and electricity don't mix. As Americans continue a trend of moving their living space outdoors—even having full kitchens poolside—there's a growing need for safe electrical service that is weatherproof. To help, there are Red•Dot® While-in-use Covers. They provide waterproof protection while the



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appliance is plugged in and are the first products to comply with the new National Electrical Code and UL requirements for weather-proof enclosures.

**Energy efficient.** There are now energy ratings for new homes similar to those on appliances. That's where the new Carlon Draft-Tight Non-Metallic Box comes in. It incorporates a drywall flange covered with a foam gasket to provide a draft-tight seal. This helps improve the efficiency of the heating and air-conditioning system. Using this easy-to-install, energy-saving device will save your builder time and save you money.

Most of these receptacles are available at home centers. Since electricity is involved, it's best to ask your electrician's advice. Electricians can easily get them through their local electrical distributor.

For more information on these clever devices, go to [www.tnb.com/receptacles](http://www.tnb.com/receptacles).