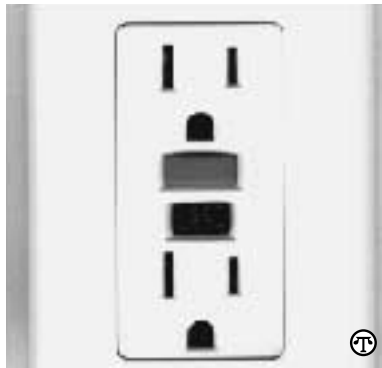




Testing Home GFCIs

(NAPSA)—Ground fault circuit interrupters, or GFCIs, are becoming a hot-button issue among homeowners. To prevent electric shock, these two small buttons are installed in electrical outlets where appliances may come into contact with water, such as the bathroom, kitchen and laundry. However, GFCIs need to be routinely tested to make sure they're working properly.



Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) help prevent outlets from short circuiting.

According to the National Electrical Safety Foundation (NESF), testing a GFCI is easy:

1. Push the “Reset” button of the GFCI.
2. Plug in an ordinary night-light and turn it on. The light should now be on.
3. Push the “Test” button of the GFCI. The nightlight should go off.
4. Push the Reset button again. The nightlight should now go on again.

If the Reset button pops out during the test but the light does not go out, immediately contact a qualified electrician to check the GFCI and correct the problem.

The NESF recommends testing GFCIs at least once a month and after major electrical storms. Ten seconds a month is all it takes to protect your home and family.

For more information and an interactive GFCI demo online, visit www.nesf.org.