

News Release

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Upcoming Programs

It's time to register for the always popular "Home Alone" program and, this Friday, September 10th, you can learn about "Storing Fruits and Vegetables". First, let's take a closer look at the "Home Alone" program.

The Manitowoc County UW-Extension Family Living Office is taking registrations for "Home Alone" scheduled for October 7th and 14th. The two-night program co-sponsored with Wisconsin Public Service and Silver Lake College will be held at the Generose Enrichment Center on the Silver Lake College Campus. Registration is opened for 45 families and can be made online at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/> or, call the office at 683-4168.

There are skills children need to know before they are ready to care for themselves, regardless of their age.

For instance, does your child know how to answer the door and phone when home alone? Do they know basic first aid if they get hurt? Can they let themselves safely into the house? Can they prepare a simple snack? How would they get out of the house if there were a fire?

This free program helps parents, grandparents, and others develop the confidence and peace of mind to know when children are ready to stay home alone. Both adults and their children (age 8 and older) are encouraged to attend the two sessions together.

The sessions run from 6:30 to 8p.m. Pre-registration is necessary on or before September 24th.

Children can gain a lot from the opportunity to practice self-responsibly if they are mentally and emotionally ready, if they have been taught the skills needed to deal with new responsibilities and if they are able to talk easily with their parents about their fears and concerns.

The Home Alone program offers families an opportunity to make a Home Alone plan filled with the new knowledge gained from the two-night program.

Secondly, you are welcome to attend a "Storing Fruits and Vegetables" teleconference session this Friday from 1:30 - 2:30p.m. at the Manitowoc County Office Complex. Through a presentation facilitated by UW-Extension Fresh Market Vegetable Specialist Karen Delahaut, participants will learn how to store their garden produce for optimum quality and safety. The session includes getting answers to your specific questions.

Call 683-4168 to register. Handouts will be provided.

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