

# PLUGGING YOU IN

## To Helpful Hints and Tips from Thomas Edison Electric

**Hint and Tip Number 32: Testing Your GFCI Outlet Is Important**      **July 2nd, 2018**

GFCI's (ground fault circuit interrupters) are designed to safeguard people, not wiring. They are an essential safety feature today's homeowners look to for protection and can make or break an electrical home safety inspection.

GFCI's should be installed in:

- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Laundry and utility rooms
- Garages and outbuildings
- Outdoor areas such as pools or spas

### TEST YOUR GFCI

It is very important that you insure that your GFCI outlets are working properly. They should be tested once a month at a minimum and after storms as well.

Testing is fast and easy:

1. Press the "TEST" button
2. Ensure electric flow has been cut off by plugging in a night light or other small appliance in the outlet
3. Press the "RESET" button to restore power.

If your nightlight fails to come on, it may be a sign that your GFCI outlet is not working properly. Contact one of the expert Technicians at Thomas Edison Electric to check out the outlet or outlets to replace the outlet.

If you do not have GFCI outlets in any of the areas mentioned above, contact Thomas Edison Electric to schedule an appointment to install these much needed safety protected outlets in your home.

