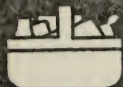


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## GENERAL RULES

1. Keep rubber away from heat, sunlight, copper, oil, grease. They make it soft & sticky, or hard & brittle, useless.
2. Store rubber goods in cool, dark place, wrapped or in boxes, with no sharp folds; basement good storage place.
3. Keep rubber articles clean - with warm water & soap. Sponge stubborn spots with carbon tetrachloride or similar quick-drying cleaning fluid. Do not soak.
4. Repair rips & tears with friction tape, adhesive tape, electrician's tape, plastic rubber compounds, or patch fastened with rubber cement - on side where water hits.

**HOT WATER BOTTLE:** To mend - use inner tube patch  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch larger all around than tear; roughen surface around tear with sandpaper; apply one coat rubber cement to patch (after holland cloth is removed), two coats to bottle; let cement dry thoroughly; press patch firmly in place.

**GARDEN HOSE:** Drain out water & coil carefully, store off ground & out of sun. Mend by cutting out damaged part & joining cut ends with couplings; friction tape no use.

**GALOSHES:** Clean with soap & water; stuff with paper to store; mend torn boots at tire shop with hot vulcanized patch; resole with ready-made stick-on soles.

**GIRDLES:** Don't stretch when washing; use mild soap, warm water; rinse many times; dry away from heat & sun; do not iron garments made with rubber thread; mend soon as torn, sewing on good sized patch; don't break rubber threads.

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