

# ASK THE EXPERT:

**\*\*Attention all readers!!!! If you have a plumbing or heating question, please call our office! We may use your question in the paper! \*\***

**Q** My 1950's home is for sale and I am so excited to finally have an accepted offer on it. A home inspection was done and they found that I have 9 outlets that are not grounded. I contacted an electrician and he advised me that the 2nd floor would have to be totally rewired. How does the inspector know this? Can he tell just by looking at them? I just had all these outlets changed from 2-prong to 3-prong last year. I'm so worried that this is all going to cost me a fortune - again. Any suggestions? Feeling frustrated.

- From Heidi

**A** Rewiring would cost a small fortune, however, another possible option is for you to have an electrician RE-install the 2-pronged outlets and remove those 3-pronged outlets. It will then be correct for the period it was built, and will be legal, with-OUT rewiring, and making it a lot cheaper and quicker for you to get out of the home. A little trick to check your 3-prong outlets is to purchase a cube tester. They are only like \$5 and are simple to use. Just plug into an outlet and the lights on it will indicate if it is correct or not. Please call us if you want or need help from us with this. It is critically important that this is right or someone could get zapped and hurt. "We are your one stop shop, Heidi."  
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