

**INSIDE GRUNDY COUNTY**  
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Where do you go to get answers to your home and family questions? Is it the neighbor across the street, a relative or a friend? Whoever it is, are you sure they have accurate information? In addition to your local Grundy County Extension office, you can get accurate answers to your questions through the AnswerLine from Iowa State University Extension. You can be sure the answer you get from the AnswerLine will be accurate because it is research based.

Your questions will be answered by professional consumer and family scientists with specialties in the following topics: child development, cleaning, consumer management, food preparation, food preservation, food safety, home environment, household equipment, nutrition, textiles and laundry.

If you have access to the internet, you can visit the AnswerLine website at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/answerline/> and find answers to frequently asked questions twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. When you reach the website you can search by keyword, topic area or by browsing the keyword index to find the answers to your questions. This site can be extremely convenient after normal working hours and as we approach the holiday season.

Some of the questions that you will find answered on the website include: What is the cost of raising a child? How do I know if I have mold growing in my home and how do I get rid of it? What is the best way to thaw a turkey? Can salsa be canned? What is the difference in the various types of furnace filters? What can I do to remove an odor from the microwave? What is the best temperature setting for a home freezer? How can I identify the foods that have cholesterol? How can catsup be removed from clothing?

If you don't have internet access, you can reach the Answerline by using the toll free number:

1-800-262-3804 which is answered Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. A Relay Iowa line phone linkage for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available at 1-800-735-2942.

Also, questions related to yard and garden, insects and wildlife are accessible from Iowa State University Extension's AnswerLine home page. When looking for answers to your questions, consider the convenience the AnswerLine website offers. Home and family questions have been answered through this service for over thirty years.

For more information, contact the Grundy office of ISU Extension at 319-824-6979.