

You may not realize the impact engineering has on your everyday life. Engineering is part of almost everything you do, from the moment you wake up to the time you go to bed.

Take a closer look...

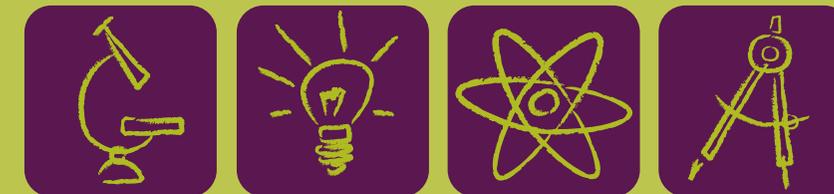
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## What If Engineering Disappeared for a Day?



**6:00 a.m.**  
**Waking Up**

No alarm clock to wake you? You're going to be late for school. That clock radio is the product of an electrical engineer. But then, you're probably sitting in the dark, since electrical engineers also design the lighting and deliver the electricity to power your house.



**7:30 a.m.**  
**Breakfast**

A quick glass of juice and a bagel and you'll be on your way. Of course, you'll have to squeeze the juice yourself because there are no mechanical and chemical engineers to design commercial juice plants. Oh, well... just pop the bagel in the... whoops—no toaster either.



**9:00 a.m.**  
**School**

You made it, though your morning has left you tired and dirty. Wait, what's this place? Oh, right; without civil engineers to design a safe, modern school building, it's back to the one-room schoolhouse for you.



**3:00 p.m.**  
**Hanging Out**

What a day! At least now you can kick back and relax. What will you do? Reading a book is one of your few options, because there are no TVs, DVDs, or music players. Without a computer or smart phone, there's no email, websites, or texting. Bored? Forget about calling a friend. You could be productive and start your laundry—just be prepared to do it by hand.



**8:00 p.m.**  
**Bedtime**

The only thing left to do is head to bed. Ouch! In the dark, you've stubbed your toe. Need ice? Don't look for a freezer. And without the materials and chemical engineers who developed them, you don't even have a Band-Aid.



**7:00 a.m.**  
**Getting Ready**

You feel your way to the bathroom, but there's no hot shower. Without engineers, there's no way to heat the water—or even get it to your house. Thirsty? Sorry—can't happen without civil and environmental engineers to develop water treatment plants. Forget about blow drying your hair or brushing your teeth, since it was chemical engineers who created the plastic for your toothbrush and dryer.



**8:30 a.m.**  
**Getting to School**

Looks like you're walking, since there are no civil engineers to build intersections and safe roads. But then, there's really no need: Without automotive, mechanical and electrical engineers there are no school buses or cars to even get you to school.



**12:00 p.m.**  
**Lunch**

No surprise here; no engineering means no fast food, no school cafeteria, no prepackaged microwaveable food. Your only real option is homegrown food.



**5:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner**

By now you get the picture. Perhaps you can go down to the nearest stream and catch some fish to cook over an open fire.

