

EMERGENCY PLANNING

... When Thunder Roars — Go Indoors!!!

ARE YOU READY FOR A THUNDERSTORM??? Lightning is a serious danger! So what can you do to prepare yourself and your family???

BEFORE LIGHTNING STRIKES:

- ⇒ Keep an eye on the sky. Look for darkening skies, flashes of light or increasing wind. Listen for the sound of thunder;
- ⇒ If you can hear thunder, **you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning!** Go to a safe shelter immediately!
- ⇒ Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for the latest weather forecasts.

WHEN A STORM APPROACHES:

- ⇒ Find shelter in a building or car. Keep car windows closed and avoid convertibles;
- ⇒ Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Unplug appliances. Avoid using the telephone or any electrical appliances;
- ⇒ Avoid taking a bath or shower, or running water for any other purpose;
- ⇒ Turn off the air conditioner. Power surges from lightning can overload the compressor, possibly resulting in a costly repair job!
- ⇒ Draw blinds and shades over windows. If windows break due to objects blown by the wind, the shades will prevent glass from shattering into your home.

IF CAUGHT OUTSIDE:

- ⇒ If you are in the woods, take shelter under the shorter trees;
- ⇒ If you are boating or swimming, get to land and find shelter immediately!
- ⇒ If you are unable to go inside, find a low-lying, open place away from trees, poles, or metal objects. **Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding!**
- ⇒ Be a very small target! Squat low to the ground. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them.
- ⇒ Do **NOT** lie flat on the ground—this will make you a larger target!

AFTER THE STORM PASSES:

- ⇒ Stay away from storm-damaged areas;
- ⇒ Listen to the radio for information and instructions;

IF SOMEONE IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING:

- ⇒ People struck by lightning carry **no** electrical charge and can be handled safely;
- ⇒ Call for help. Get someone to dial 9-1-1;
- ⇒ The injured person has received an electrical shock and may be burned, both where they were struck and where the electricity left their body. Check for burns in both places;
- ⇒ Give first aid. If breathing has stopped, begin rescue breathing. If the heart has stopped beating, a trained person should begin CPR.

THE #1 LIGHTNING MYTH is “lightning never strikes the same place twice.” **THIS IS FALSE!!** Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it’s a tall pointy isolated object. Places prone to lightning are places to avoid when thunderstorms are nearby!

THE #2 LIGHTNING MYTH is “If it’s not raining, or if clouds are not overhead, I’m safe from lightning!” **THIS IS FALSE!!** Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or even thunderstorm clouds. “Bolts from the blue,” though infrequent, can strike 10-15 miles from the thunderstorm. Under extreme conditions, anvil lightning can strike the ground over 50 miles from the thunderstorm.

Knowledge and preparation are your best defense and are your responsibility! For more information on EMERGENCY PLANNING, call 503.982.9429, or visit our website at www.cityofhubbard.org.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENT: SAVE THE DATE - the City has tentatively set






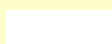
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

to hold an Emergency Preparedness Event! Look for more details in the upcoming September/October newsletter!

LOOK FOR YOUR ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

DIG SAFELY: If you’re getting ready to work on a summer project which involves digging—don’t forget to call 800.332.2344 for utility locates **before** you begin to dig!

COLOR CODE FOR UTILITY LOCATES

	ELECTRIC
	GAS/OIL
	COMMUNICATIONS
	WATER
	SEWER
	PROPOSED EXCAVATION

DID YOU KNOW ??? MOSQUITO FACT:

A coffee can with an inch of water can produce over a thousand mosquitoes every seven days. You can reduce the number of mosquitoes in your area by taking these steps:

- * Drain puddles or standing water, mosquitoes can breed in any standing water that lasts more than one week;
- * Ensure rain gutters are not clogged and can drain properly;
- * Change water and clean birdbaths weekly;
- * Empty wheelbarrows and plastic wading pools when not in use;
- * Encourage mosquito-eating animals to live near your home by providing bat or swallow houses. (A single bat can consume approximately 600 mosquitoes per hour.)



LOOKING FOR TIPS ON HOW TO CONSERVE WATER THIS SUMMER? GIVE US A CALL AT 503.982.9429

Until next time! Hubbard Public Works