

Summer Tips...



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Summer: June 21st—Sept. 21st

...because those “Lazy Days”, are usually pretty busy...



Keep your home, or sandcastle, safe this summer!

Preparing for Storms:

1. Check for loose rain gutters, and shingles
2. Trim back dead limbs on trees that are close to your home
3. Always fill up on gas for your cars
4. Have a special meeting place for after if you and your family are separated during the storm
5. If authorities tell you to evacuate, DO SO!

Lawnmower Safety

- Use a mower that stops if the handle is dropped
- Never allow a child under 12 to use
- Always wear sturdy shoes
- Have protective eyewear in case of rocks and debris
- Refueling should only happen once the mower is turned off and cooled completely
- Also, you should always refuel outdoors and not in a garage or shed



Prepare a Family Survival Kit for Severe Weather

You never quite know how long a power outage could last due to downed power lines after a summer storm, but here are some suggestions to keep everyone in the family cool, calm and entertained in the face of a possibly stressful situation...

- Battery Powered Radio
- First-Aid Kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- Drinking Water
- Non-Perishable Foods (don't forget the can opener!)
- Games
- Extra batteries
- A Land-line Phone (not a portable)



Tornado Terms:

- “Watch” means weather conditions are favorable for forming a tornado
- “Warning” means a tornado has been sighted/reported touching down



Hurricane Center

Categories	Winds (mph)
Category 1	74-95
Category 2	96-110
Category 3	111-130
Category 4	131-155
Category 5	156 or greater

Water Heater Risks and How To Avoid Them...

Even when the word “heat” may be the last thing you want to hear this summer, keep in mind a very neglected household member: Your water heater. Water heater failures, on average, cost \$4,400 per incident.

According to the Institute for Business and Home Safety, age 5 is when a water heater is most likely to begin to fail and at 12, 3/4 of water heaters will have failed in homes. These problems can be prevented with proper

maintenance: Inspecting the heater’s anode rod (which prevents tank corrosion) and simply flushing sediment from your water heater tank.