

Lightning: Stay Out of the Danger Zone

Summer is the peak of lightning season. According to the National Weather Service, lightning strikes kill an average of 60 people and permanently injure hundreds each year.

The following precautions will help you stay safe while enjoying summertime activities:

- Watch and listen to local weather reports for warnings of thunderstorms.
- If you hear thunder while outdoors, seek immediate shelter; do not stand under a tree.
- When inside during a lightning storm, stay off corded phones, computers, electronics.
- Call 9-1-1 if you see a lightning victim; perform CPR if trained.

Learn more at www.noaa.org.

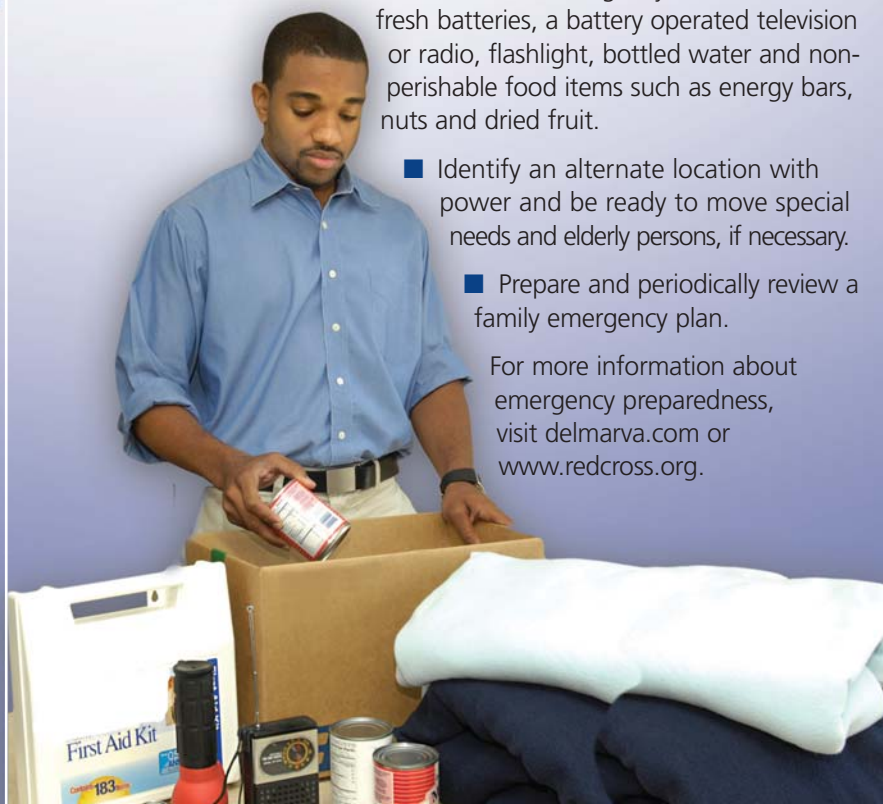
Are You Ready for Summer Storm Season?

June 1 marks the beginning of Hurricane season, which brings wet and windy conditions that can cause outages from trees and branches falling on power lines.

While Delmarva Power works hard to keep the lights on, we also want to help you prepare for possible outages. The following tips will help you weather the storm:

- Keep our outage numbers – **1-800-898-8042** or **1-800-898-8045** – handy for reporting an outage or downed line. Stay away from any downed power line, assume it's live and dangerous.
- Use surge protectors to protect electronic equipment and appliances.
- Assemble an emergency/storm kit with fresh batteries, a battery operated television or radio, flashlight, bottled water and non-perishable food items such as energy bars, nuts and dried fruit.
- Identify an alternate location with power and be ready to move special needs and elderly persons, if necessary.
- Prepare and periodically review a family emergency plan.

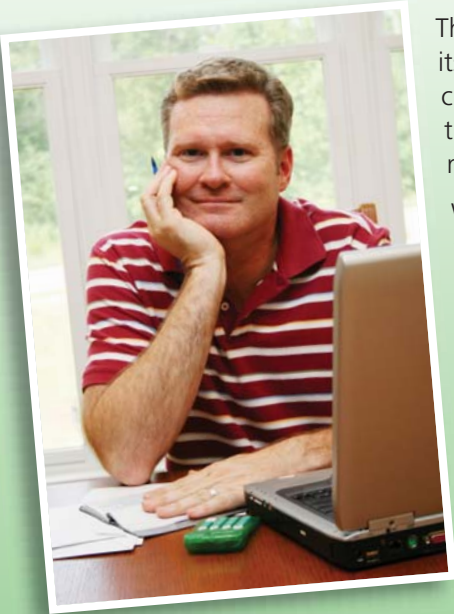
For more information about emergency preparedness, visit delmarva.com or www.redcross.org.



Convenient Payment Option

Budget Billing Takes the Heat Off Summer Energy Bills

The sweltering days of summer will have most of us turning on air conditioning to stay cool. But air conditioning potentially means higher energy bills.



That's why Delmarva Power offers its Budget Billing program to help customers smooth out energy bills that come during the summer months.

With Budget Billing, you make a fixed monthly payment, which allows you to better budget for energy costs by avoiding the fluctuation in monthly bills.

So sign up today for the convenience and peace of mind of Budget Billing. Enroll online at delmarva.com or call 1-800-375-7117 and speak with a Customer Care representative.

LED Street Lighting Update – We Need Your Help!

Delmarva Power recently installed LED (light-emitting diode) streetlights in Wilmington and Georgetown.

The installations are part of a project that will test the LED streetlights for a six-month period under real-life situations to gauge their suitability, energy efficiency, reliability and illumination quality.

LED streetlights are expected to be about 50 percent more energy efficient and last an average of almost three times longer than traditional streetlights.

To make the project a success, we are seeking your opinion on the quality of LED street lighting. You have two options to provide your thoughts about the LED streetlights. Visit our Web site at delmarva.com and click the LED Streetlight Pilot link, or text us at the number provided on the pole signs.

The lights are located in Wilmington at Broom Street (intersecting 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and McCabe streets); and in Georgetown at N. Bedford Street (intersecting New, Depot and E. Laurel streets).

Your voice counts, so let us know what you think.



Doing Our Best to Provide Service Reliability

To provide our customers with reliable service, Delmarva Power continually enhances the electric and natural gas infrastructure.

From the end of 2008 through this year, the utility will invest about \$1 million to replace overhead electric wires in several older developments in New Castle County. The new, sturdy triplex wire is more resistant to tree contacts that cause outages.

As part of our City of Wilmington Cast Iron Replacement program, we installed about 5,100 feet of plastic gas main and replaced 7,300 feet of cast iron on East 4th Street. In another phase of the project, we will replace 7,800 feet of cast iron on Woodlawn Avenue, which we expect to complete in November.

In 2009 alone, we invested \$10 million to help prevent gas leaks. Our crews replaced about 17 miles of aging cast iron and steel gas lines, which will reduce future methane emissions.



Delaware (Area code 302)

Jul 8-10: Lewes Antiques Show & Sale; Bethel United Methodist Church, 129 W. Fourth St., Lewes; 645-8093, harry313@comcast.net.

Jul 10: Mimi's 5K Run & Family Fun Walk for DE Hospice; Harry's Seafood Grill, Wilm. Riverfront; 800-838-9800, www.races2run.com.

Jul 17: Magnificent & Modest: A Milton Walking Tour; Milton Historical Society, 210 Union St., Milton; 684-1010, info@historicismilton.org, www.historicismilton.org.

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