



## 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](http://www.noaa.org).

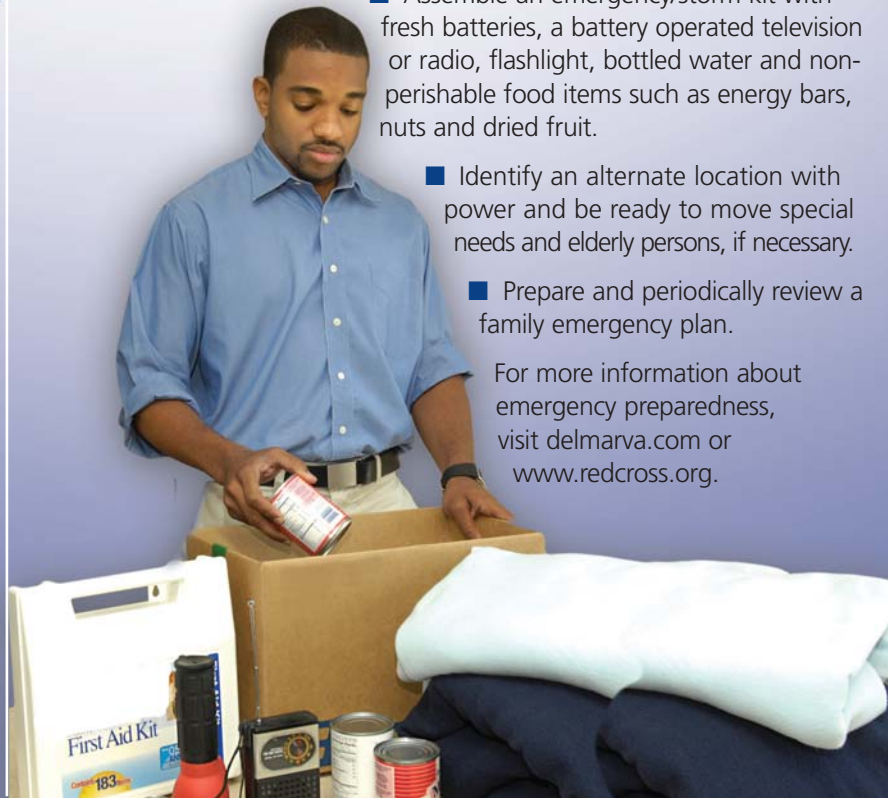
## Are You Ready for Summer Storm Season?

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:

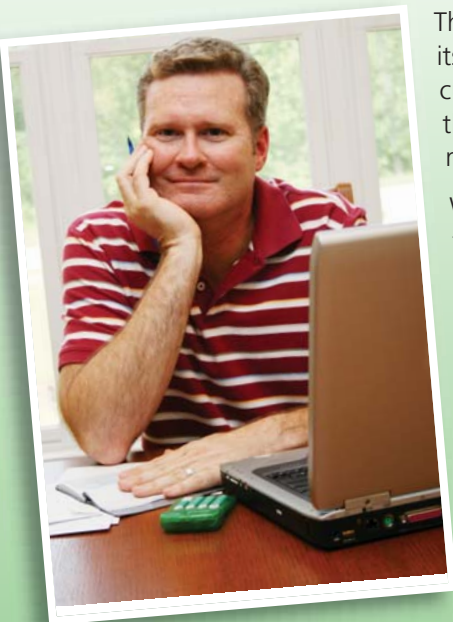
- Keep our outage numbers – **1-800-898-8042 or 1-800-898-8045** – handy for reporting an outage or downed line. Stay away from any downed power line, assume it's live and dangerous.
- Use surge protectors to protect electronic equipment and appliances.
- Assemble an emergency/storm kit with fresh batteries, 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](http://delmarva.com) or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).



## 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](http://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 Elkton and Chestertown in Maryland.

The installations are part of a project that will test the performance of LED streetlights for a six-month period under real-life situations.

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. Visit our Web site at [delmarva.com](http://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:

- Elkton at W. High Street (intersecting Singerly Avenue)
- Chestertown at High Street and Park Row (intersecting Spring, N. Cross and Queen streets.)

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



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## Ways To Save

### Rebates Help You Save Now and In Years to Come

In addition to Delmarva Power's rebate program for purchasing energy efficient appliances, our Maryland customers also can take advantage of the Maryland Energy Administration's rebate program on select ENERGY STAR appliances.

Get a \$100 rebate for purchasing a qualifying clothes washer, a \$50 rebate for buying a qualifying refrigerator, and a \$300 rebate is yours when you purchase a qualifying water heater.

Don't forget, when you purchase an energy efficient product or renewable energy system for your home, you may be eligible for a federal tax credit.

Visit [delmarva.com/homeenergysavings](http://delmarva.com/homeenergysavings) for details on the rebate programs, and log on to [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov) for tax credit information.



### Maryland (Area code 410)

**Jul 1,8,15,22,29:** *Music on Main Summer Music Series*; 101 East Main St., Elkton; [elktonalliance.org](http://elktonalliance.org).

**Jul 10:** *Wade In Festival*; 11 Horseshoe Point Lane, North East; 996-5267, [smccandless@ccgov.org](mailto:smccandless@ccgov.org).

**Jul 17:** *Astronomy Open House*; Harford Comm. College Observatory; [harfordastro.org](http://harfordastro.org).

**Jul 18:** *Free Historic Tours*; Poplar Hill Mansion, 17 Elizabeth St. Salisbury; [poplarhillmansion.org](http://poplarhillmansion.org).

**Jul 18:** *Summertime Sundays on the Canal*; Pell Gardens, Chesapeake City; 885-2415, [ccdca.org/home.html](http://ccdca.org/home.html).

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