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Lightning—A Summer Killer

As the weather gets hotter, so does the danger of lightning. It is one of the worst enemies of the telephone company. Not only does it cause damages that are expensive to repair, it can also electrocute a person talking on the telephone. Installations of telephone lines are made as safe as possible, but if a surge of voltage and current generated by lightning is very strong, then nothing can stop it but a good solid ground. In order to reach this ground, it can pass through a person or anything that offers this path. It does not have to strike the telephone directly. It can come in on something else, like the electric or television service, and jump to the telephone. Lightning entering the home through the electric service seeking a ground could pass through the individual and use the telephone ground causing serious injury or even death.



Remember these tips when lightning is in the area:

- Do not use the telephone. If you are talking to someone, tell them you will call back after the lightning storm passes.
- If the telephone rings, do not answer it. The person will call later.
- Do not touch any electrical appliance during a lightning storm.

Taking these simple precautions will help keep you safe when lightning is in the area!

Don't forget Scholarship Application Deadline for the Continuing Education—July 21, 2017



Applications are available for Dell Telephone Cooperative's "Continuing Education Scholarship Program" and may be picked up at the Business Office located at 610 South Main in Dell City.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
4TH OF JULY
Dell Telephone will be closing
on July 3rd & 4th
In observance of Independence Day



Happy 4th of July!

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Want to avoid spending a day in the dark? It's as simple as 8-1-1.

Call 811 from anywhere in the country a few days prior to digging, and your call will be routed to your local One Call Center. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig, what type of work you will be doing and your affected local utilities companies will be notified about your intent to dig. In a few days, they'll send a locator to mark the approximate location of your underground lines, pipes and cables, so you'll know what's below - and be able to dig safely.

Remember, always call 811 before you start any digging project! You'll avoid injury, expense, embarrassment - and a very inconvenient day in the dark.

For more information on your local One Call Center, or to make an online request for utilities to be marked.

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811 or 1-800-545-6005
www.texas811.org
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811 or 1-800-669-8344

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www.nm811.org

A salute to the Fourth of July

On 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, initiating 200+ years of annual fireworks, outdoor concerts, and picnics. Still, there may be a few things you don't know about our most patriotic holiday:

- The resolution to dissolve ties with Great Britain was actually introduced on June 7 and approved by 12 of the 13 colonies on July 2. New York voted aye a week later.
- It was August before most of the 56 signers managed to affix their signatures to the document. One, Thomas McKean, didn't sign until 1781.
- The Fourth of July is one of only four holidays still observed in the U.S. on the proper calendar day. The others are Halloween, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

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The United States declared its independence from Great Britain on this day in 1776.

Quotes

Originality exists in every individual because each of us differs from the others. We are all primary numbers divisible only by ourselves.

—Jean Guilton

NEW LISTINGS— 2017 June

Ledbetter, Douglas	987-2757
Alden, Joy	987-2723
Eerkes, David or Joan	987-2300

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July 1	Canada Day
July 4	Independence Day