Your Health, Safety, Finances & Convenience Can Be at Stake if a Hurricane Threatens!

It's that time of year again. **Hurricane Season.** While experts are predicting a quieter than normal 2017 season it only takes one hurricane to make our lives miserable.

We thought it appropriate to pass along some tips to keep you safe, especially if you plan to use a portable generator to supply power until electricity can be returned to normal.

- Never run generators inside your home or garage, as they produce potentially deadly carbon monoxide fumes.
- Keep generators away from all open windows, including neighbors' windows, to prevent deadly exhaust from entering a home or business.
- Buy a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm, which will alert you if carbon monoxide levels become dangerous.
- Don't directly connect your generator to your home's wiring (such as your dryer receptacle). Power from a generator connected to a home's wiring will "back feed" into utility lines, potentially severely injuring or killing a neighbor or utility crew working to restore power.
- Don't touch a generator if you are wet or are standing in water or on damp ground.
- Never refuel a hot generator or one that is running hot engine parts or exhaust can ignite the gasoline or fumes.
- Ensure you have plenty of gas for operation stored safely in gas containers.

After the Storm: When is it Safe?

Here are a few simple guidelines to help you and your family avoid injury after a storm passes.

• Stay away from standing water and debris, which could potentially conceal a live wire.



• Don't venture out into the dark because you might not see a downed power line that could be energized and dangerous.

Watch for downed power lines. Call 911 or FPL at 1-800-4OUTAGE to report fallen power lines that present a clear and imminent danger to you or others. Do not attempt to touch any electrical power lines, and keep your family away from them.

Always assume that every power line is energized. Be safe. Be Prepared!



Firefighters extinguish a burn trailer during the 1st Annual Safety First Expo in Stuart. Nearly 1,000 people attended the free event. Mark your calendars for next year's event now set for February 25, 2018.

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Make Sure Your Family Is Safe with a Free Electrical Inspection!

It's easy to take electricity for granted. You flip a switch, and a light comes on; you plug in something, and it operates. Electricity makes all of our lives far easier, safer, and more convenient. However, it's important that you never forget how powerful electricity is.

Electricity's incredible power is why Electrical Connections recommends everyone have an electrical inspection performed on their home annually. Believe it or not, your home's electrical system can change dramatically over that period of time. And when it changes, it can sometimes be life threatening.

Call Electrical Connections for a FREE basic electrical inspection! If you've noticed any flickering lights, loose outlets, and constantly tripping breakers, this offer is meant especially for you. When your home's electrical system isn't safe, neither are your loved ones inside your home. Call (772)283-5792 for your complimentary home inspection from Electrical Connections! Ask how you can get FREE batteries for your standard smoke detector!

Interesting Facts about Flowers:

- Did you know that when the tulip first arrived in Europe, the English tried serving them with oil and vinegar and the Germans boiled and sugared the bulbs?
- The Iris was named after the Greek goddess who is considered the messenger of love and uses the rainbow to travel.
- Daisy leaves are edible and can be used in salads.
- Daffodils were brought to Britain by the Romans who thought that the sap from daffodils had healing powers. Actually the sap contains crystals that can irritate the skin.
- Flowering sawgrass was a sign to native
 Floridians that a hurricane was approaching.

Road Trip Season!

Here Are 10 Ways to Lessen the Impact on Your Wallet!

- 1. Condense your small trips. Try to plan your day so that you can accomplish everything in one trip rather than several smaller ones.
- **2. Minimize your idle time.** Any time you're stopped at a light for more than 60 seconds, you're better off stopping your engine and then restarting it. You'll save more gas!
- **3.** Accelerate from stops at a slow and steady pace. Quick, rapid acceleration drastically hurts your gas mileage (and maybe your tires)!
- **4. Don't go over the speed limit.** The faster you go the worse your gas mileage will become.
- **5.** Coast whenever it's possible. Constant brake-tapping followed by acceleration eats up gas unnecessarily. Set your car on cruise if you're on a road trip.
- **6. Keep your car aerodynamic.** Remove any flags or antenna-toppers from your car. You may also wish to eliminate any bike racks, especially if you don't use them often—or ever.
- 7. When it's warm outside, keep your windows rolled down when driving 35 mph or less. Roll your windows up and use your A/C when driving faster than 35 mph.
- **8. Keep your tires properly inflated.** It's much more difficult for a car to spin flat tires. The harder your engine works, the more gas you waste.
- **9. Get any needless items out of your car!** Added, unnecessary weight drops your gas mileage several percentage points. So, take out the golf clubs when you're not using them!
- 10. Replace your car's air filter regularly! This is the most important thing you can do! A bad air filter could waste as much as 30 cents per gallon!

Protect your home from lightning surge while you are on vacation. Call today to learn more. What can you afford to lose?





Classic Key Lime pie gets upgraded for summer with coconut milk in the filling. If that isn't enough, the dessert is gilded with toasted, shredded coconut sprinkled on top of a billowy whipped-cream topping:

Ingredients

- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 can (13.5 oz) unsweetened coconut milk
- 1/3 cup fresh or bottled Key lime juice
- 7 large egg yolks
- · 1 pie crust, made with graham crackers
- 2 cups cold heavy cream
- · 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons sweetened, shredded coconut, toasted

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a medium bowl, whisk together condensed milk, coconut milk, Key lime juice, and egg yolks until smooth. Pour into crust and bake until set but still slightly wobbly in center, 40 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack, 1 1/2 to 2 hours, then refrigerate 3 hours (or up to 1 day).
- 2. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat cream and sugar on high until stiff peaks form, about 3 minutes. To serve, top pie with whipped cream and sprin-kle with toasted coconut.

(Serves 6 to 8)

Have a favorite recipe you would like to share? Send it to us...we may use it here or feature it on our Facebook page.

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Be the first to complete the word search, and you will receive a special discount coupon for future services. Everyone who submits the puzzle gets \$10 off a future service! **

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Surging Forward



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The definition of friendship sure has changed a lot over the years. Not that long ago, to be friends meant that you would go to dinner with someone. Maybe, you'd watch a ballgame together and grill ribs and burgers. You might even take road trips on your favorite Harley with a few friends.

Today, friendship has taken on additional factors. Now, you carry your friend's phone number in your cell phone at all times. You might text each other a few times a week (or for younger people—a few times a day). And of course, there's social media! The Internet has changed everything about the world, including how you define your friends.

Facebook is one of the fastest growing websites on the planet. It's increasingly difficult to find people who are NOT on Facebook. That's not a surprise when you hear that more than 500 million people have joined.

At Electrical Connections, we're taking part in Facebook every day. In fact, if you're not friends with us already, please, friend us. Just do a search for Electrical Connections! You shouldn't have any trouble finding us.

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There are benefits to friending us on Facebook, too—we post home-safety and energy-saving tips. You'll also notice that we include special discounts and coupons that you can redeem! At Electrical Connections, we're trying to connect with you and our other customers as much as possible to try and enhance the already high level of service we deliver. It's how we take care of our customers each and every day.

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