

Play It Safe During Lightning Storms

If you are planning to be outdoors, plan your route to safety in case lightning strikes.

Klickitat PUD offers these precautions:

- Listen to the weather forecast before you venture outdoors. If you know a storm is coming, consider rescheduling the activities for a safer time.

- Stay close to shelter. If you see lightning and then hear thunder within 30 seconds, run for cover. If you hear thunder only, lightning probably is not far behind. Once the thunder stops, stay indoors for 30 more minutes.

- The best shelters are permanent, enclosed buildings, such as houses. Dugouts, bleachers and open gazebos will not protect you from a lightning strike.

- If you are boating or swim-

ming, get out of the water and off of the beach.

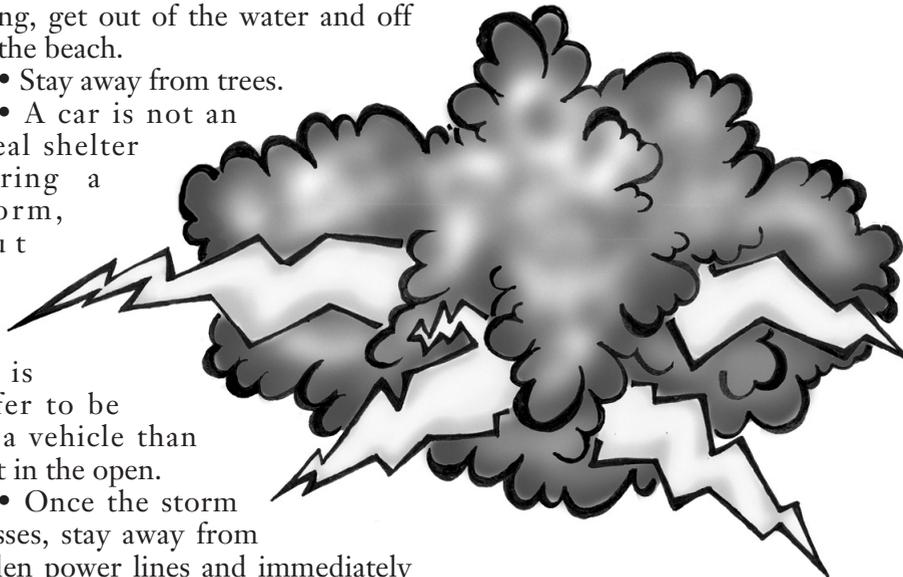
- Stay away from trees.

- A car is not an ideal shelter during a storm, but

it is safer to be in a vehicle than out in the open.

- Once the storm passes, stay away from fallen power lines and immediately report them to Klickitat PUD.

“Last summer, there were lots of national news stories about people getting injured and even killed by lightning,” says Tom Svendsen, general manager of Klickitat PUD.



“Your best bet for safety is to make a plan so you know what to do if you see lightning. That plan might not be the most convenient way to enjoy the outdoors. But you should always put safety first.” ■

Forget Flowers! Think Electronics For Mom This Mother's Day

This Mother's Day, steer clear of tired gifts such as irons and flowers, and give mom something she might not expect. Handheld electronics and gadgets can be practical and entertaining gifts.

Kids know moms not only have to schedule their own lives, but keep everyone else on track, too. Handheld planners and organizers make schedules tiny—literally—and are easy for an on-the-go mom to store in her purse. The schedulers feature calendars, calculators and a notepad all in one place, and some even connect to the Internet so mom can keep the family organized right in the palm of her hand.



If mom is more music savvy, consider an MP3 player. Pocket- or purse-sized, these tiny players let the user download music files from the Internet, and make large music collections portable. The players operate for up to 14 hours between battery charges.

Mom always said good things come in small packages. Give her something original to show off. ■

Help Us Observe Electrical Safety Month!

Klickitat PUD is celebrating Safe Drinking Water Week and National Electrical Safety Month, from May 1 through 5.

Customers are encouraged to visit the KPUD offices in Goldendale and White Salmon during “Open House” on Wednesday, May 3, for free refreshments and brochures. ■