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Hot Topics

FEMA Offering Help to Flood Victims

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering assistance to those affected by flood waters in West Virginia. More than 20 people were killed and thousands of others lost their homes or businesses during the recent storms. Government officials say the flooding was the worst in a century for many areas.



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NOAA Invests in Funding Technology to Improve Weather Predictions in the Tropical Pacific



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is investing millions of dollars into technology designed to improve the Tropical Pacific Observing System. The system are buoys in the tropical Pacific used to better understand El Niño Southern Oscillation, how it develops, and how it affects weather patterns across the globe.

Read More: <http://goo.gl/mUAhxl>

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July is UV Safety Month

The need to protect your skin from the sun has become very clear over the years, supported by several studies linking overexposure to the sun with skin cancer. The harmful ultraviolet rays from both the sun and indoor tanning “sunlamps” can cause many other complications besides skin cancer; such as eye problems, a weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin. Protect your body’s largest organ this month and all year long!



Learn More: <http://goo.gl/ICcpNm>

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Making Sure the Entire Family is Aware of the Emergency Plan

“Winging it” isn’t an emergency plan. You may not always be with your family when a disaster event takes place. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency.

Learn More: <https://goo.gl/oCHFbB>

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What Does It Mean When a Flood Alert is Issued?

Flood alerts are issued by weather agencies to alert residents that conditions are favorable for very heavy rain that could cause flooding or flash flooding. Learn more about the difference between an **advisory**, **watch**, and **warning**, and how you should respond.

- Flash Flood Warning
- Flood Warning
- Flood Watch
- Flood Advisory

Read More: <http://goo.gl/vfMsnl>

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Tips for Mold Removal After a Flood

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) offers homeowners of flood-affected areas some basic guidelines for safe mold cleanup and removal. Common reactions to mold are cough, congestion, runny nose, burning eyes, headaches, sneezing, and sore throat. Children, pregnant women, older people and people with weakened immune systems may be more sensitive to mold than others.

After severe weather events like floods, homeowners should be aware that, if there has been a lot of water damage and/or mold growth that covers more than 10 square feet, a contactor and/or mold cleanup company may be needed. If the area of mold growth is small (less than 10 square feet), the homeowners can clean it themselves.



Read More: <https://goo.gl/3028PI>

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Summer Heat? Don't Sweat it!

Triple-digit temperatures are a fact of life for some people this summer. With soaring temperatures, we wanted to make sure you have tips in hand to stay cool as a cucumber!

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