

The colorful flags used to mark underground

utility lines can be very attractive to young children. Remind your children not to remove the utility flag markings. If your child happens to pull out the utility flags, do not attempt to place the flags back in the ground because you may not remember the exact location of the flags.

#### If the flags are accidentally removed, call the MISS DIG System at 811 or 800-482-7171 and indicate you need the utility lines in your yard marked again.

### MICHIGAN'S UTILITY COLOR CODE





research collected from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

it is raining

According to the National Weather Service, in 2016 there were 38 deaths from lightning in the U.S. In August 2016, WABC talk radio reported that five individuals sustained serious injuries in a New York park when lightning struck the metallic bench they were sitting on.

Listen to, watch, or download an app on a handheld device that provides weather forecasts so that you know if there is a chance of severe weather.

If there is a chance, reschedule your activity or make sure you can get to a safe location if a thunderstorm develops.

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## **Prepping Your Air Conditioner**

# Spend some time prepping your air conditioner this spring to handle the heat waves that summer might bring.

By performing regular maintenance checks on your air conditioner, you are increasing both the safety and efficiency of cooling your home.

• Remove all condenser covers, coil blankets, or lids that protect your unit during winter months; if left on, you could damage the system.

• Check that all panels and pipe insulation are still in place.

• Clean or replace the filters at least twice a year. Before your air conditioner is used for the season, check the filter to see if it is clogged with dust.

• Clear the air conditioner coils at the beginning of each season. If they are dirty, they will reduce the air flow to the home. Use a refrigerator coil brush or the soft brush on a vacuum.





## Know What To Do ...

if you are in an auto accident with a utility pole, your vehicle and the surrounding area may become energized.

**1. Do NOT leave the car**, and warn others to stay away.

**2. Call 911** to have the utility notified.

**3. Wait** until a utility professional has told you it is safe. The only reason to exit the vehicle is if it's on fire. If the car is on fire, jump clear of the vehicle with feet together and without touching the car and the ground at the same time. Continue to hop away with your feet together as far as you can.

## Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling Program is Back



The Grand Haven Board of Light & Power has partnered with a new vendor, **Michigan Energy Options**, to provide our customers a refrigerator and freezer recycling service.

## Call 1-866-341-8729 (press option 2) and a representative will schedule a pick up.

You can receive a \$50.00 rebate for refrigerators and freezers and an extra \$15.00 for window air conditioners and dehumidifiers. Air conditioners and dehumidifiers must accompany a refrigerator to qualify for pick up. All refrigerators and freezers must be at least 10 cubic feet and in working condition.



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