

LIGHTNING SAFETY WEEK



As the dog days of summer approach, so does the likelihood of thunderstorms and lightning – especially for those headed to their favorite beach vacation spots!

DID YOU KNOW?

Lightning is hotter than the surface of the sun and can reach temperatures of 50,000° F? I didn't either until I started doing a little homework!

Here are some great safety rules of thumb:

- ◆ Avoid open fields, the top of a hill or a ridge top.
- ◆ Stay away from tall, isolated trees or other tall objects. If you are in a forest, stay near a lower stand of trees.
- ◆ If you are in a group, spread out to avoid the current traveling between group members.
- ◆ If you are camping in an open area, set up camp in a valley, ravine or other low area. Remember, a tent offers NO protection from lightning.
- ◆ Stay away from water, wet items, such as ropes, and metal objects, such as fences and poles. Water and metal do not attract lightning, but they are excellent conductors of electricity. The current from a lightning flash will easily travel for long distances.

If you'd like to learn more about lightning to share with your family and friends, head over to [Weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov) for some interesting myths vs. facts. *Stay safe and have a great day!*

As always, as your neighborhood real estate specialist, I'm here as a resource for you! If there's anything I can do to help you and your family this summer – just give me a call!