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Safety Tips to Ensure A Fun and Safe 4th of July Weekend:

Fireworks Safety:

- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public firework show put on by professionals. Stay at least 500 feet away from the show.
- If you plan to use your own fireworks at home:
 - Never give fireworks to small children.
 - Avoid pointing fireworks toward people, animals, vehicles, structures, or flammable materials.
 - Always follow the instructions on the packaging.
 - Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
 - Ensure the person lighting fireworks wears eye protection.
 - Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight a dud.
 - Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.

Picnic Safety:

- Wash your hands before preparing food.
- Don't leave food out in the hot sun.
- Keep perishable foods in a cooler with plenty of ice or freezer gel packs.
- If you're grilling, do so outdoors and away from the house, deck, or anything that could catch fire.
- Always supervise the grill when in use.

Beach Safety:

- Watch the weather and get out of the water at the first sign of lightning or thunder.
- Swim only at a beach with a lifeguard within the designated swimming area.
- Obey lifeguards' instructions and ask about local

conditions.

- Designate a "water watcher" to keep an eye on everyone in and around the water.
- Children, inexperienced swimmers, and boaters should wear properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- Protect your neck—don't dive headfirst.
- Be cautious of aquatic life.
- If caught in a rip current, stay calm, swim parallel to the shore, and call for help.

Remember to celebrate responsibly and have a fantastic 4th of July! For more information, you can check out the American Red Cross's tips and FEMA's safety and preparedness recommendations



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BEAT THE HEAT:

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SHARES EXTREME HEAT SAFETY REMINDERS AND TIPS

The City of San Antonio reminds all residents to prepare now to stay cool during extreme heat. A top priority for the City is ensuring all residents, especially vulnerable populations, and pets are safe during a heat event.



Places to stay cool are open to provide the community relief from the expected high heat. These locations will remain open during normal operating hours and include libraries, senior centers, and park community centers.

For a list of the City of San Antonio's places to stay cool, visit: San Antonio Office of Emergency Management. For more information, call 311 (210-207-6000). Residents can also consider going to a local store, business, or mall to stay cool as well.

METRO HEALTH

Who is at risk?

Adults over 65, children under four, and people with existing medical conditions, such as heart disease and those without access to air conditioning are at highest risk on days with high temperatures.

What can you do?

Staying cool, drinking plenty of water and staying informed are critical precautions to protect oneself. Additionally, people should call and check on their neighbors who may be at high risk and ensure they have access to heat relief and hydration.

During the summer months, outside workers should take extra precautions. Outside workers should drink plenty of water, take rest breaks, find shade or a cool location, dress for the heat and check on their coworkers.

Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat strokes are possible health effects. Symptoms of a heat stroke include high body temperature (103°F or higher) hot, red, dry or damp skin, fast, strong pulse, headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion or losing consciousness. If a person exhibits any of these signs, move the person to a cooler place and call 911 or your local emergency number immediately. Do not put yourself in harm's way and stay cool. Use cool rags, cold packs, encourage the person to drink water, fan the individual, and inform the person of status while waiting for EMS.

Never leave children or pets alone in vehicles. If you see a child or pet locked in a hot car or in the back of a truck, act immediately. Write down the car's description (including a license plate number). Call 911 immediately.

If regarding a pet, call Animal Care Services at 311 (210-207-6000). Per City ordinance, both Police and Animal Care Officers have the right to break a car's window if a child or animal is endangered inside a vehicle.

Keep Cool

Stay in an air-conditioned place as much as possible. Take cool showers or use a spray bottle to mist yourself with cool water and wear lightweight and loose-fitting clothing. Limit the use of your oven to maintain a cooler temperature in your home. Identify places close to home to keep you cool.

Stay Hydrated

Drink plenty of water. Don't wait until you're thirsty. Remember to avoid alcohol or liquids containing large amounts of sugar or caffeine.

Be Prepared

Check local news for weather forecasts, extreme heat alerts and preparedness tips to safely plan outdoor activities.

ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

Prepare your Pets

Extreme heat can easily put your pet at risk for overheating. The following are some tips to help pets beat the heat:

Always make sure your pets have fresh water and shaded shelter.

Shade is not just a good idea for outdoor pets. It's the law. As is access to fresh water and shelter beyond the all-day available shade. Chain tethers of any type are not allowed at any time of year. It is the law and will have legal consequences if not followed.

Pay close attention to young, elderly, overweight pets, those with short muzzles, or those with thick or dark-colored coats as they are at a higher risk of overheating.

If your pet shows symptoms of heat stress, like excessive thirst, heavy panting, glazed eyes, vomiting, restlessness, lethargy, fever, dizziness, rapid heartbeat, profuse drooling, and unconsciousness, gradually lower their body temperature and get them to a vet immediately.

CPS ENERGY

CPS Energy is closely monitoring the expected high-power demand due to the extreme hot weather, and its power plants are prepared to serve our community.

Energy Saving Tips

CPS Energy reminds customers they can conserve energy during the summer months and peak demand times to help them save money on their bills and lower demand on the overall state grid. Tips can be found on the Energy Saving Tips webpage.

Energy Updates

To stay informed, customers are encouraged to sign up for Energy Alerts or call (210) 353-2222 to provide their emergency contact information for the utility to reach them in the case of an emergency. Assistance Programs

CPS Energy has a variety of cost-saving and general assistance programs designed to help qualifying customers.

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School is out June 1st and be sure to watch for children while driving thru the neighborhood! Our brand new playground is ready for parents and kiddos to enjoy! As summer begins, it's essential to stay vigilant while driving in the neighborhood. Here are some safe-driving tips to keep in mind, especially when kids are out and about:

1. **Drive with your headlights on**, even during the day, so that children can see you better.
2. **Maintain a 20- to 30-second visual lead** to identify unexpected problems.
3. **Scan between parked cars and other objects** for indications that children might be playing nearby.
4. **Look for clues** such as balls, bike ramps, or other signs that children could be in the area.
5. **Expect the unexpected:** Be prepared for children who might dart into the road.
6. **Make eye contact with children** who are about to cross the street and watch for their next step.
7. **Be cautious at intersections:** Look out for pedestrians, not just other vehicles.

Remember, kids are everywhere now that school's out, and they don't always have the best judgment or awareness of what's going on around them. So, watch your speed, especially around areas where kids hang out—parks, ice cream trucks, residential neighborhoods, stores, and malls. Be extra careful when going around corners in neighborhoods, as a child might come darting out of a yard, and be watchful of lines of parked cars.

Additionally, summer is also a time when less-experienced teen drivers are on the roads more often. They might be heading to jobs, events, or social activities at times they would normally be in school. Keep an eye out for them, too! And remember, technology can be a hazard for teens even when they're walking—about 85% of those who were struck or nearly struck by a vehicle while crossing the street reported that they were listening to music, texting, or talking on the phone. Stay safe out there, and let's all look out for one another!

source: <https://santanderconsumerusa.com/blog/how-to-meet-the-challenge-of-driving-when-kids-are-out-for-summer>



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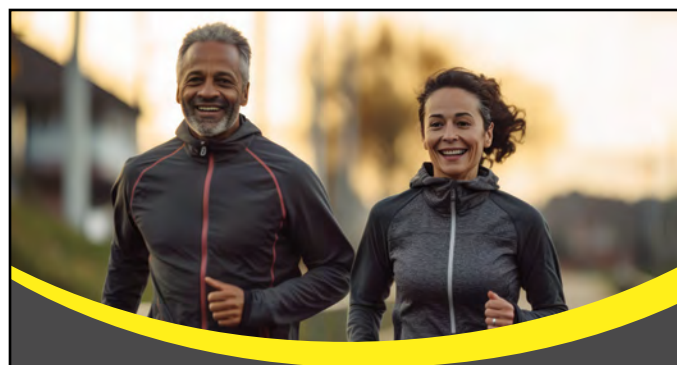
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Pool safety is crucial to ensure a fun and secure swimming experience.

Whether you have a pool or plan to visit one, here are essential
guidelines to follow:

- **Supervise Children:** Never leave a child unattended in the water. According to the CDC, 1 in 5 drowning victims is under the age of 14. Always ensure a responsible adult is watching children while they play in the water. If you're at a gathering, designate adults to supervise the kids, especially if alcohol is involved.
- **Teach Swimming:** Encourage your children to learn how to swim. Swimming skills significantly reduce the risk of accidents in the water.
- **CPR Knowledge:** Learn CPR. Knowing how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can be a lifesaver during emergencies.
- **Avoid Pool Drains:** Teach children to stay away from pool drains. Drains can pose entrapment hazards, and it's essential to educate kids about their dangers.
- **Install Safety Equipment:**
- **Fences:** Install fences around the pool area to prevent unsupervised access.
- **Alarms:** Consider pool alarms that alert you if someone enters the water.
- **Pool Covers:** Use pool covers when the pool is not in use.

- **Float Liners:** These can help keep children afloat.
- **Life Preservers:** Keep life preservers nearby.
- **Pool Safety Hooks:** These can assist in rescuing someone who's struggling in the water.
- **Regular Inspections and Maintenance:**
- **Drains and Covers:** Regularly inspect drains and drain covers to ensure they're functioning correctly.
- **Pool Chemistry:** Maintain proper pool chemistry to prevent health risks.
- **First Aid Kit:** Prepare a first aid kit with essential supplies.
- **Take the Pool Safety Pledge:** Commit to pool safety by taking the pledge.

Remember, pool safety is everyone's responsibility. By following these guidelines, you can enjoy a safe and enjoyable pool season!

What happens if you missed the May 15th deadline to protest your property tax?

If you missed the May 15th deadline it could mean that you are forced to give up your right to protest your property's taxable value.

However, there are a few instances where you can file a property tax protest after the deadline. Late protests may be filed if the property is over-appraised, if clerical errors have been made in the property description, if notices were not received from the appraisal district, if you moved into your home after the deadline, if you are serving in the military, or if you were traveling due to work. So, even if you miss the initial deadline, explore these exceptions to protect your rights. In these cases, you are eligible to file for a late property tax protest.



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