



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

PREPARE FOR A RAINY HALLOWEEN FOR TRICKS AND TREATS

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It looks like Halloween will be a repeat of last year. A cold front will move through the area on Wednesday. Beginning around 1 pm we can expect strong thunderstorms which could become severe throughout the evening tomorrow.

It is likely that all of southeast Texas will receive 1 to 2" of rainfall, some areas could experience rainfall amounts in the 3"to 5" range. With the already saturated grounds, street flooding could be possible. Use caution when driving especially at night as it may be difficult to see high water on roadways. Turn Around, Don't Drown!

If you hear thunder you need to begin making your way home and seek shelter. If you see lightening seek shelter indoors immediately.

National Weather Service's Lighting myths and facts:

Myth: If outside in a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.

Fact: Being underneath a tree is the second leading cause of lightning casualties. Better to get wet than fried!

Myth: If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, I should lie flat on the ground.

Fact: Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by potentially deadly ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, you keep moving toward a safe shelter.

Myth: If you're caught outside during a thunderstorm, you should crouch down to reduce your risk of being struck.

Fact: Crouching doesn't make you any safer outdoors. Run to a substantial building or hard topped vehicle. If you are too far to run to one of these options, you have no good alternative. You are NOT safe anywhere outdoors.

We will update our website (mctxoem.org), Facebook, and twitter if conditions change.

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