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## PREPARING FOR SPRING STORMS

From thunderstorms to hail, and flash flooding, spring in Texas can be unpredictable, making it essential for us to prepare. By taking a few precautionary steps, we can keep our homes, families, and neighbors safe when the skies darken and the winds pick up during the rainy season.

Here are some ways you can be prepared:

**Stay Informed:** Monitor weather apps, local news, and NOAA Weather Radio regularly for up-to-date storm information. It's crucial to stay alert to watches and warnings in your area. Additionally, signing up for local emergency alerts ensures you'll receive timely notifications if severe weather is approaching.

**Prepare an Emergency Kit:** Stock your emergency kit with essentials like flashlights, batteries, first-aid supplies, non-perishable food, and bottled water. Don't forget any necessary medications and a power bank for charging your phone in case of power outages. Check the kit periodically to ensure everything is in good condition and ready to go.

**Be Ready for Flooding:** Check if your home is in a flood zone by referring to FEMA flood maps. If you live in an area prone to flooding, elevate important electronics and valuables above ground level to prevent water damage. Have sandbags or other flood barriers on hand to help protect your property from rising water.

**Prepare for Your Pets:** Make sure your pets have identification tags and are microchipped in case they get lost during a storm. Keep pet carriers, extra food, and water in your emergency kit, and provide a designated safe space for your pets to go during the storm.

**Have Emergency Contacts:** Keep a list of emergency contacts, family members, local authorities, and neighbors, in a place where everyone can access it. This will help you act quickly in case you need assistance or need to report damage after the storm.

By staying informed, planning ahead, and securing your home, you can help protect your family and property during spring storms. Stay safe, neighbors!

## MONARCH MIGRATION: HOW YOU CAN HELP



Monarch butterflies are one of the most iconic and beautiful species to call Texas home. Known for their remarkable long-distance journey, monarchs travel thousands of miles between North America and Mexico each year. These butterflies are famous for their striking orange-and-black wings, but their incredible migration from Canada to central Mexico—covering up to 3,000 miles—makes them a marvel of the natural world. Unfortunately, monarch populations have been declining in recent years due to habitat loss, climate change, and other environmental factors. However, Texas plays a crucial role in their migration path, and residents can take steps to help protect these magnificent creatures. Here are a few simple yet effective things residents can do to help support monarch butterflies during their migration through Texas:

**Plant Milkweed-** Milkweed is essential for monarch survival, as it provides both food for larvae and a place for monarchs to lay their eggs. By planting milkweed in your garden, you can create a sanctuary for monarchs as they pass through the area.

**Create Butterfly-Friendly Habitats-** Consider planting nectar-rich flowers like asters, zinnias, and lantanas to provide food sources for adult butterflies. Creating a butterfly-friendly garden with a variety of plants will help attract monarchs and other pollinators, such as bees and hummingbirds, which are vital to the ecosystem.

**Provide Water-** Monarchs need water to stay hydrated during their migration. You can help by offering a shallow water source, such as a birdbath or a small bowl, in your yard. Be sure to add rocks or sticks so butterflies can land and safely drink without risk of drowning.

**Minimize Pesticide Use** – Pesticides can harm monarchs and other beneficial insects. By reducing or eliminating the use of chemical pesticides in your garden, you help protect monarchs from harmful toxins. Opt for natural pest control methods, such as encouraging beneficial insects like ladybugs, to keep your garden healthy without posing a threat to monarchs.

With your help, these beautiful butterflies will continue to grace our state each year, reminding us of the importance of protecting the natural world for future generations. Let's work together to make Texas a welcoming place for monarch butterflies, and ensure they have a safe passage during their migration.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Marigolds aren't just beautiful, they're also natural pest repellents! These vibrant flowers produce a scent that helps keep aphids, mosquitoes, and even certain nematodes (microscopic worms that damage plant roots) away from your garden. Marigolds contain pyrethrum, a compound used in many natural insect repellents. Planting them near vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, and beans can help protect your crops from harmful pests. Plus, marigolds attract pollinators like bees and butterflies, making them a great addition to any eco-friendly garden!



## KNOW THE **NEW** STAGE 3 WATERING HOURS

**5-10 AM & 9 PM-MIDNIGHT**

KNOW YOUR DAY

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## DRIVING SAFELY in Deer Hollow

DRIVE  
SLOW

When driving through our neighborhood please use care and caution by doing so at a safe and responsible speed. Safety should be everyone's concern. Accidents are preventable!

*Be Safe and Courteous.*

*Thank you.*



## POOL SEASON IS HERE!

The warmer weather has arrived, and so has the start of pool season! The pool officially opened on April 1st, and will remain open until October 31st. Come relax and make a splash!

**Hours:** Sunday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## IMPROVING SAFETY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

As we all know, the safety and well-being of our community are top priorities. Whether it's for our families, friends, or neighbors, a secure and peaceful environment makes a world of difference. While local authorities and law enforcement play a vital role, it's often the collective efforts of residents that make a lasting impact on neighborhood safety. Here are a few proactive steps we can take as a community to enhance safety for everyone:

First and foremost, communication is key. A well-informed neighborhood can better respond to potential threats and emergencies. One way to build this communication is through neighborhood watch groups or social media platforms where neighbors can share updates, observations, or concerns. By keeping each other informed, we help build a network of vigilance without encroaching on one another's privacy. Whether it's noticing a car that doesn't belong or reporting suspicious activity, an alert community can make a significant difference.

Lighting plays an essential role in deterring criminal activity. Properly lit streets and public areas can prevent incidents from occurring. Homeowners can also make sure their own properties are well-lit, especially entry points like porches, driveways, and backyards. It's a simple yet effective way to make your home less appealing to intruders.

In addition to taking personal precautions, keeping an eye on the physical environment is equally important. Regularly reporting broken streetlights, damaged sidewalks, or overgrown foliage can go a long way in preventing accidents and reducing hidden spots where criminals may take advantage of poor visibility.

Creating a safe neighborhood is not the responsibility of one person alone; it's something we all must actively work towards. By strengthening communication and improving our environment, we can build a safer, stronger community for all.

## Recipe Corner

### 5-MINUTE FRUIT MOUSSE



Source: <https://www.seriousseats.com/light-and-easy-five-minute-fruit-mousse-dessert-recipe>

#### Ingredients:

- 8 1/2 ounces (about 2 1/4 cups) frozen berries or other fruit
- 2 tablespoons sugar (or use sugar, honey, maple syrup, or stevia extract to taste)
- 1 large egg white
- Fresh berries and whipped cream for serving (optional)

#### Directions:

1. Add fruit to the bowl of a food processor. Process to a rough puree, about 1 minute. Add the sugar or another sweetener and pulse briefly to combine. If you're using a different sweetener, add a small amount at a time to taste.
2. Add the egg white and process until smooth and fluffy and the mixture has lightened in color and doubled or tripled in volume, 2 to 3 minutes.
3. If the mixture clings to the sides of the food processor's bowl too much (this may happen if the blade doesn't extend all the way to the sides of the bowl), transfer the mixture to a normal medium-sized bowl and beat with a mixer fitted with the whisk attachment until fluffy.
4. Spoon the mousse into glasses and top or layer with fresh berries and/or whipped cream (optional). Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator for up to 2 hours (because this mousse has very little sugar in it, it's not very stable and it won't hold for longer than that).

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