



**GOOD NEWS ALL AROUND**

**EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS VIDEOS ON CHANNEL 17 & YOUTUBE**

Spanish Fork 17 has created several short videos on earthquake preparedness topics to help you and your family in the event of an earthquake.

You will also be able to view these clips on Spanish Fork 17's YouTube channel. You can find links for this channel on the City's website.

These videos have been created so that your family can learn how to plan for a disaster, learn when and how to turn off the natural gas service to your home, learn what to do if there is no water or sewer service, and so much more. Channel 17 has brought in experts from the State of Utah, Questar Gas and Spanish Fork City.

With these short videos available whenever you want them on YouTube, you can watch a video, learn what is taught, and put your own plan together. Join the City's efforts to help all Spanish Fork residents become prepared for an earthquake.



**ELECTRIC SYSTEM UPDATES & TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR EQUIPMENT**

Power outages are caused by a number of natural or man-made events. A major windstorm may blow down power lines or knock trees, branches, or other debris into power lines. A lightning storm may strike a power pole or transformer. Other causes may include a system overload due to high temperatures and air conditioner use or an automobile that hits a power pole. Whatever the cause, power outages are usually an inconvenience and can even cause damage to personal equipment.

The recent outages in July were caused by an overload in the electrical system due to switches and connections in the greater electrical grid. This caused outages in much of Spanish Fork, Salem, and unincorporated Utah County. Crews immediately began to restore power and worked until all customers were back in service.

While some customers were without power for a few hours, some outages may require more time to repair the damage and may keep power off for several days. These outages

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**DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

From Left to Right, Back Row: Rod Dart, Keir Scoubes, Jens Nielson, Richard Davis  
Front Row: Mayor Wayne Andersen, Steve Leifson

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Please complete the form and return it with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City from the City's website. Thank you for your comments.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- August 3—City Council Meeting; 6:00 pm. Live on Ch. 17
- August 4—Planning Commission; 6:00 pm. Live on Ch. 17
- August 7—Farmers Market begins and runs every Saturday in August.
- August 9 & 10—Monday & Tuesday Recycling Pickup
- August 17—City Council Meeting; 6:00 pm. Live on Ch. 17
- August 18-21—The Utah County Fair at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds
- August 26 & 27—Monday & Tuesday Recycling Pickup
- August 28—North Park Grand Opening

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require power users to be prepared and to have an outage kit which will help minimize the impact of the outage on you and your family. Outage kits should include items such as: battery-operated flashlights, alarm clocks and radios; water; non-perishable foods; and manual can openers.

During a power outage, you should also turn off or unplug any major appliances or sensitive electrical equipment. This will prevent overloads when power is restored and it may also protect your appliances or equipment from any resulting power surges.

Spanish Fork Power does everything possible to provide the most reliable power to your home and business. As we strive to do our best, we have a few tips that will help you protect your personal equipment when the electrical system experiences a power outage or surge.



**Surge Protectors**

To protect your electronic devices from power surges, you can purchase a relatively inexpensive surge protector. Spanish Fork City Energy recommends that you have a minimum 1200 Joule surge protector for all your sensitive electrical equipment such as televisions, stereos, computers and more. When you consider purchasing a surge protector, be sure it is not just a power strip. A power strip will only give you additional plugs and will not provide surge protection.

**Uninterruptible Power Supply**

A step up from the surge protector is an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) or battery backup. A UPS can actually be used to run your computer or electrical equipment while the power is out. A battery backup can keep your computer or other equipment running from 5 minutes to a couple of hours during an outage. With a UPS in place, you have time to safely turn off your equipment or even to continue to work during an outage. If you operate a business, a UPS system may enable you to continue to operate some functions of your business until power can be restored.



Spanish Fork City Energy encourages you to take the necessary steps to protect your own equipment from being damaged during a power outage or surge.

**NEW TEST PREPARATION PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY**

New to the library...ePrep is a free online test preparation resource to help you prepare for the SAT, ACT, SSAT, PSAT, and more. To use this resource contact the library for an access code. In addition, a class, instructed by Kari Nay, will be offered monthly to assist with scholarship and test preparation.

All reading programs and story times will end on August 12. The Library will have wonderful new fall story times which will begin right after Labor Day. Make sure to visit the library or check online for all the details.

**SENIOR CENTER LINE DANCING**

The Senior Center is looking for senior citizens who like to have fun. Come join the senior citizen line dancers every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am, starting August 3, at the Senior Center in Spanish Fork. Hope to see you there

**FARMER'S MARKET TO BEGIN**

The farmers market begins Saturday, **August 7**, and runs every Saturday in August, September, and October from about 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This year's market is run by the Spanish Fork / Salem Area Chamber of Commerce and will be a great place to buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

By law, the farmers market is available to local produce growers to sell homegrown produce and food items only. Food items must be prepared according to standards set by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

**AUGUST RECREATION DEADLINES**

- 2 3<sup>RD</sup> Session Swimming Lessons begin
- 2 Tackle Football Uniform Check-out Make-Up Day
- 2 8<sup>TH</sup> / 9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Tackle Football Team Selection for players new to the league
- 2 5<sup>TH</sup> / 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Flag Football Team Selection for players new to the league
- 2 Adult Baseball begins
- 3 7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Tackle Football Team Selection for coaches and players.
- 3 4<sup>TH</sup> Grade Flag Football Team Selection for coaches and players.
- 4 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Tackle Football Team Selection for coaches and players
- 4 3<sup>RD</sup> Grade Flag Football Team Selection for coaches and players
- 5-7 Big Slam Girl's Fast-Pitch Tournament
- 9-10 Soccer Clinic at Centennial Park
- 10 Men's Flag Football early registration ends
- 18 Men's Flag Football Organizational Meeting
- 20 Friday Night Lights Co-ed Softball Tournament registration ends
- 23 Fall Session Swimming Lessons begins
- 23 Men's Flag Football begins
- Week of Aug 23 Youth Tackle Football, Flag Football, Fall Soccer Season begins
- 24 Water Park Fall Hours begin
- 27 Friday Night Lights Co-ed Softball Tournament