

**SAFELY STORING YOUR GENERATOR AND ITS FUEL**

Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations when preparing your portable generator for storage. The fuel tank should be emptied by running the generator until all fuel is consumed; remember to distance your gas powered generator at least 5 feet away from your house, at a minimum. Winds often change and therefore, the further away the better. In addition, make sure the exhaust fumes are projected away from your home. Exhaust fumes can spread and enter through any opening. Do not run generators indoors, under the eaves, near windows, doors, or in the garage. Remember to let the unit cool before putting it away.

**If you have large amounts of stored gasoline (non-oil mixed), consider using it in your vehicle rather than storing it for a long time.**

Gasoline is an extremely hazardous material. Its vapors are heavier than air so they can travel away from the container. If the vapors come into contact with an ignition source, the vapors will ignite and flash back to the container. Spilled gasoline or even the escaped vapors could cause a flashback to the pilot light of any appliance. Store gasoline away from any appliances that have a pilot light. This is a common issue in garage areas where gas water heaters are often located.

Another characteristic of gasoline is that it will give off ignitable vapors even if it is cooled to minus 36 degrees Fahrenheit! For this reason it is vital that it be kept only in approved containers. While there are approved plastic containers, these often have caps or seals that can get lost. The best way to safely store gasoline is in a heavy duty, self-closing approved metal gasoline safety can marked with letters UL (approved by Underwriters Laboratory). Unapproved plastics could leak, and glass containers could ignite if dropped and start a fire. Gasoline should never be stored inside your home.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the safe use and storage of gasoline or other fuels, please feel free to contact the Delray Beach Fire-Rescue Department Fire Safety Division at 243-7425. Information can also be found at the web sites of the National Fire Protection Association ([www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)), the American Petroleum Institute ([www.api.org](http://www.api.org)), and the Petroleum Equipment Institute ([www.pei.org](http://www.pei.org)). These organizations also recommend the following tips when handling gasoline:

- Keep gasoline out of children's sight and reach.
- Never store gasoline in glass containers or non-reusable plastic containers such as milk jugs.
- Store only enough gasoline necessary to power equipment and let machinery cool before refueling it.
- Never use gasoline inside the home or as a cleaning agent.
- Clean up spills promptly and discard clean-up materials properly.
- Do not smoke when handling gasoline.
- Never use gasoline in place of kerosene.
- Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors. Place the container on the ground before filling and never fill containers inside a vehicle or in the bed of a pick-up truck.

**HURRICANE WILMA RECOVERY UPDATE**

**DEBRIS PICKUP** - Debris is being collected throughout the City during the first pass as crews continue to work through the City. Please be patient as this will be a long process and trucks will pass through the City multiple times. The first pass for debris collection should be completed by early December with final completion coming in January. Residents are reminded to separate vegetation debris and construction debris (fences, roof materials, etc.) into separate piles and to keep debris piles in the yard and not on the road. **Important Notice** - mixed piles of vegetation debris, construction debris and/or household trash cannot be picked up. We also remind our residents to not place debris piles over fire hydrants or storm drains and to keep intersection corners free from debris. Residents should not transport their own vegetation or construction debris to transfer stations or the landfill because it will not be accepted there. **Check the City's website at [mydelraybeach.com](http://mydelraybeach.com) under the Hurricane Wilma page for regular updates on the progress of the debris pickup.**

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPDATE** - Restoration of signals remains the top priority in the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Palm Beach County. All traffic signals in Palm Beach County will be functional with a **minimum of one signal indication** in each direction (Phase 1) by mid December. FDOT and Palm Beach County will initiate a second phase of work to fully restore all signals to pre-hurricane condition. This phase will begin in **mid December** and will be completed by approximately the end of March 2006. **FDOT reminds motorists to use caution and treat all intersections without signalization as a four-way stop.**

**WHERE TO GO FOR HELP**

**FEMA**-To register with FEMA, call 1-800-621-3362 or visit their website at <http://www.fema.gov> for faster access. A Disaster Recovery Center is located in Boca Raton at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail. The center provides disaster related information and you can also register with FEMA at the site.

**HOUSING ASSISTANCE**-Call Community Improvement at (561) 243-7280.

**BLUE ROOF PROGRAM**-The Army Corps of Engineers operates a Blue Roof Program for temporary roof repairs. Homeowners who wish to participate in this program will need to complete a form (right of entry permit) to allow contractors to enter their property to do repairs. Register for the program at the Boynton Beach City Library at 208 S. Seacrest Boulevard, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily. For more information, please call 1-888-ROOFBLU (1-888-766-3258) or visit their website at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil>

**FL DEPT. OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES - Hurricane Help Line: 800-22-STORM or 800-227-8676** (insurance assistance)

**RED CROSS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)**

**SALVATION ARMY - (561) 391-1344**

**UNITED WAY HELP LINE**-Call 211 or (561) 383-1111 for assistance programs or counseling, 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week

**Delray Beach  
Calendar of Events &  
Activities  
November & December 2005**

**Annual Turkey Trot 5K  
RESCHEDULED for February 2006**

**November 12-May 27, 2006**  
GreenMarket Opens  
Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
at Worthing Park

**November 15**  
Regular City Commission Meeting  
City Hall 6:00 p.m.

**November 17**  
Old School Square Holiday Carousel  
Weekdays 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Weekends 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

**November 18-20**  
Pat Boone's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Tour at the Crest Theatre  
Tickets and Info: (561) 243-7922

**November 19**  
Duck Derby of Delray  
Veterans Park 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**November 20**  
Yamato Centennial  
Morikami Japanese Gardens  
Info: (561) 495-0233

**November 23-25**  
THANKSGIVING—City Hall Closed

**November 25**  
Ice Skating Rink Opens  
Old School Square

**November 26-27**  
Thanksgiving Weekend Art Festival  
Pineapple Grove 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**December 2**  
Sushi and Sake Annual Event  
Morikami Japanese Gardens  
Info: (561) 495-0233

**December 3-4**  
Chris Evert/Bank of America  
Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic  
Delray Beach Tennis Center  
Tickets and Info: (561) 394-2400

**December 8**  
Art & Jazz on the Avenue  
Atlantic Avenue 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

**\*December 8th (\*Rescheduled)**  
Holiday Tree Lighting  
Old School Square 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
Info: (561) 279-1380

**December 9**  
Holiday Boat Parade  
Intracoastal Waterway 6:30 p.m.  
Info: (561) 278-0200

**December 10**  
Holiday Parade  
Atlantic Avenue 6:00 p.m.  
Info: (561) 243-7277

**December 10**  
Kids Day at the Tree  
Old School Square 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Info: (561) 279-1380

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