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The Scoop on Power Outages and Your Phone

Thunderstorm season is here and along with it comes the possibility of power outages. Taking the proper precautions means that you'll still have telephone service even if the lights go out.

During a power outage, McDonough Telephone's communications network remains fully operational due to a well-maintained back-up power system. If a blackout hits any of our central offices, your phone service will continue without interruption.

You can lose the ability to access our telephone network during a power outage if all of the telephones in your home require electrical power to function. We offer several tips to keep you connected whether you have electricity or not.

- Make sure you always have at least one working corded telephone handy. While cordless phones are convenient, they won't work when the power is out.

- Don't count on answering machines during a power outage. Answering machines depend on electricity to work. McDonough Telephone's Voice Mail service works even if the power is out. For only \$3/month you can have the assurance of knowing that you'll never miss an important message.



- The Call Forwarding feature can be useful in an emergency. If you decide to leave your home because of a blackout, you can use call forwarding to transfer incoming calls from your home phone to another location or to a cellular phone.

- If you use a cellular phone in addition to your landline phone, be sure to keep a spare battery charged up.

Being in the dark doesn't mean you have to be out of touch with the rest of the world. By taking several easy precautions you can be sure you'll be able to make and receive calls and get all of your messages under any conditions that prevail.

How Can I Block Reverse Lookup on My Phone Number?

Search engines such as Google and 411.com are great for tracking down information of all sorts, but they can also compromise your privacy. These sites offer a reverse number lookup feature which enables you to enter a phone number in the search bar and receive the person's name and address. If you use the map feature

at either site, the address location is pin-pointed exactly on a map.

This is a nationwide service which means that anyone in U.S. can find out your name and address simply by knowing your phone number. Many people prefer not to have this information so publicly available. *(Continued on page 2)*

Mother's Day Trivia

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln both publicly credited their mothers for all of their accomplishments. Most of us will probably never attain the office of president, but every mother deserves recognition for her love and support. Since this month is dedicated to motherhood, we're sharing some fun bits of motherly trivia. By the way – Mother's Day is May 10. Don't forget to call!

- Record for the shortest interval between 2 children – 208 days apart
- Record for the longest interval – 41 years, 185 days apart
- Highest officially recorded number of children born to one mother – 69 (67 lived past infancy)
- The odds of a mother delivering twins – 1 in 33
- The most popular month in which to have a baby – August
- The most popular day of the week to have a baby – Tuesday
- Person credited with founding Mother's Day – Anna Jarvis
- Flower that symbolizes Mother's Day – White Carnation
- Original reason for the creation of Mother's Day – to honor motherhood and to celebrate peace
- Television mom who drove a flowered bus – Shirley Partridge
- The females that men spend the most money on each year – Their mothers
- The one gift moms love on Mother's Day – Time alone!



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Google and 411.com both have opt out features which let you remove your listing.

Google:

1. Go to www.google.com
2. Enter your phone number with the area code (xxx-xxx-xxxx). Press the Enter key or click on Search.
3. To remove, click on "Phonebook results for xxx-xxx-xxxx" (your phone number). Click on "Request to have your name removed from this list."
4. Fill out the form, and click on "Submit Form."

It takes approximately 48 hours for the request to take effect. This is a permanent removal – you can't decide at a later time to add your name back to the phonebook.

411.com:

1. Go to www.411.com
2. Choose the Reverse Phone tab, and enter your phone number with the area code (xxx-xxx-xxxx). Click on Search.
3. If your search includes multiple results, click "Listing Details" of the listing to be removed.
4. Scroll down to the 411.com Privacy

Options box and click "Is this you? Remove your listing." (Note: The Privacy Options box located near the bottom, right above the "Find Anyone's Email Address" section.)

5. Fill out the form and click on "Remove Me."

In three to five business days your name should be removed from the database. If more than one person in your household is connected with the phone number, you'll have to repeat this process until all names have been removed.



Coming to VOD for May

Title	Genre	Studio	Start Date
Bolt	Adventure, Animation, Comedy, Kids-Family	Walt Disney Pictures	5/6
Day the Earth Stood Still (2008), The	Drama, Science Fiction, Suspense-Thriller	Twentieth Century Fox	5/6
Hotel for Dogs	Comedy, Kids-Family	Paramount	5/27
Tale of Despereaux, The	Action-Adventure, Animation, Kids-Family	Universal	5/21
Notorious	Drama	Twentieth Century Fox	5/20
Reader, The	Drama, Romance	Warner Home Video	5/14
Doubt	Drama	Miramax Films	5/7
Uninvited, The	Horror, Thriller	Paramount	5/27
Spirit, The	Action-Adventure, Thriller	Lions Gate	5/12
Plumm Summer, A	Adventure, Family	Paramount	5/5
Personal Effects	Drama	Universal	5/12
Dr. Dolittle: Million Dollar Mutts	Kids-Family	Twentieth Century Fox	5/19
Without a Paddle: Nature's Calling	Comedy	Paramount	5/11

We Remember

The McDonough Telephone office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. To report a service problem, dial 611. If you're calling from outside our service area or from a cellular phone, dial 309-776-3214. Other requests or questions may be left on our voice mail.

The Colchester Veterans Memorial Committee will be holding a ceremony on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. to dedicate the 50 new bricks added to the memorial in the past year. The VFW and American Legion will participate in the ceremony. Further details will be made available later.

Directory Additions

Argenbright, M & A	652-3514
Beckman, Joni	776-3104
Blair, Chris	776-3264
Connor, John & Heather	456-3593
Gossage, Lacey	769-5257
Herrick, Shawn	776-3051
Hodges, Lester (Allen)	456-3956
Hopping, Michael	769-5260
Huffmier, Daniel	456-3615
Jackson, Nikki	449-3379
Markey's Resale & Flea Market	776-3000
Moyers, William	254-3478
Pratte, Aubrey	254-3498
Rivera, Alfred	776-3008
Skeens, John	776-3346
Teel, Mike & Pam	456-3840
Whitlock, Steve & Jeannie	776-3691

Lomax Office Schedule MAY 2009

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Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Closed for Lunch 11:30 a.m. to noon
 May 15 - Bills Due • May 26 - Disconnect Day
 May 25 - Closed for Memorial Day