

The Current

Since summer fun is right around the corner, here are a few summer safety and recycling tips to help you and your family battle the Texas heat and conserve water!



Summer Safety Tips: Beat the Heat



Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. It is also a good idea to wear hats or to use an umbrella.

Drink water. Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.

Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid high-protein foods, which increase metabolic heat.

Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4 and 7 a.m.

Stay indoors when possible. If air-conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine. Remember that electric fans do not cool, they simply circulate the air.

Be a good neighbor. During heat waves, check in on elderly residents in your neighborhood and those who do not have air conditioning.

Wear sunscreen. Reduce your chances of getting sun burned or developing skin cancer with too much sun exposure over time.

Learn first aid and CPR. It's always a great idea to learn or refresh yourself on first aid and CPR.



Summer Recycling Tips: Water Conservation



Water Consumption: Each time you turn on a water faucet use the lowest pressure necessary. Keep the water turned on only while it is needed. For drinking water, keep a pitcher in your refrigerator so you don't have to let water run to cool.

Low Flow Toilets: One of the best ways to avoid wasting water is to switch to low flow or dual flush toilets.

Showers: Replace existing shower heads with the lowest flow product you can find. Shower heads with a mist setting let you reduce water flow even further. Shower instead of taking a bath. Time your showers - try to keep them to 5 minutes. If taking a bath, limit how high you fill the tub.

Full Loads: Always run full loads of laundry and dishes. Choose the short cycle at low water levels whenever possible. Set the clothing washer at the lowest possible temperature needed and for single rinse only. If you buy a new appliance, switch to a water-conserving model (e.g., front loading washer).

Dish Washing: Use your dishwasher and don't rinse dishes beforehand (for an average 20 gallon savings).

Fix Leaks Promptly!: It is estimated that 13.7% of household water is wasted by leaks. Check your water meter when no one is using water in the house. If it's moving there's a leak. A running toilet can waste 2 gallons a minute.

Native Plants: Fill your yard with native plants. This will cut down significantly on watering requirements and, in the process, provide much needed food and shelter to local wildlife.

For Your Hoses: Buy a squeeze nozzle for all of your hoses. However, if you're watering plants, use a watering can to reduce water waste.

Best Time to Water: Water at night to minimize evaporation.

Leftover Water: If you have house plants, whenever possible water them with leftover or unused water from drinking, cooking, and showering. Keep a water pitcher near your sink, or bathtub and collect unused water running from the tap (waiting for cooler or warmer water). You can also collect water used when boiling food on the stove after it cools.

Tap Water: Make the switch back to environmentally-friendly tap water instead of bottled water.

Rosendin Electric, Inc., Completes Acquisition of KST Electric, Ltd.

Rosendin Electric, Inc., a leading national electrical engineering, power and communications provider and the largest 100 percent employee-owned electrical contractor, announced in April that it has completed its acquisition of KST Electric, a Texas-based, privately held, full-service electrical, data and communication contracting company.



Rosendin Electric, Inc.

With this acquisition, Rosendin Electric gains immediate access to the burgeoning Texas construction market. KST Electric is a leading and respected Texas contractor with more than 600 employees, headquarters in Austin, and regional offices in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Harlingen. This acquisition will give KST Electric the capacity to scale its operations to bid on substantially larger construction projects drawing on Rosendin Electric's financial resources. KST Electric will be able to leverage Rosendin Electric's expertise in design-build, renewable energy, mission-critical energy systems, high-tech and health-care construction, and other service areas to expand its business.

name and will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Rosendin Electric. Kenneth Tumlinson will continue to lead KST as its president.

Tom Sorley, Rosendin Electric's Chief Executive Officer, stated, "KST is an important addition to the Rosendin family, and this acquisition is one of many steps being taken to achieve our growth strategy and geographic expansion. KST has a reputation as a safety-conscious and quality electrical contractor and will be an excellent strategic fit."

Under the terms of the acquisition, KST Electric will continue to operate under its current

"We are excited about the addition of KST, and we expect that it will make an immediate positive contribution to Rosendin Electric's operations. Kenneth Tumlinson has built a solid company, and we look forward to working with Kenneth and the other members of KST's management team to grow and strengthen the business," said Larry Beltramo, Rosendin Electric's President.

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Pre-Planning Standardization

By Dave Terwilleger

In April our Pre-planning Department welcomed the arrival of Josephine Valente' and James Espinoza, who were representing the Engineering/Pre-Planning Department from Rosendin's Orchard office. The Orchard facility is located about 10 minutes away from Rosendin's main headquarters in San Jose. The Orchard office is primarily where a lot of the engineering is done, although there is some individual job pre-planning happening as well. The purpose of the meeting was to compare the design and procedural methods of the two departments and to come up with a way of "standardizing" our work. We noticed right away that we were not "10 years" behind our Rosendin counterparts regarding our technical expertise and design methods as we were told we would be. In many respects we are "equal" to the San Jose operation and in some cases we are technically more advanced than they are, thanks to the efforts of everyone in the Manor department. James Espinoza has made a "Road Map" which is essentially a schedule to complete the standardization process between the two offices. We want to be able to Pre-Plan for any of the Rosendin jobs so that what we produce here in Manor is indistinguishable from the work that is generated out of the Orchard office.

Last week Bryan Kroening, Deinnys Lugo and I met again with Josephine and James, but this time it was at the Orchard office. They have quite an impressive operation, employing dozens of people using a large amount of computers, hardware and software. Although we are all confident that the standardization process will be successful, there is one problem that will be very difficult to overcome. The two offices have an opposite approach to the pre-plan process and where the planning takes place. Our office in Manor acts as a single location that generates all of the necessary drawings, pre-fabrication and information associated with a Pre-Plan, whereas on most of Rosendin's jobs, this process takes place at the individual jobsites. Many of Rosendin's jobs have on-site office trailers that have dedicated "Designers" that are assigned to work with the Foremen and General Foremen to create everything associated with a Pre-Plan. For the most part, the Rosendin's designers are Electrical Engineers. Currently our Populators do the same "CAD" work that the Rosendin "Designers" do. Right now the two offices will continue to operate independently with regards to "where" pre-planning is done. We are as dedicated to our method of planning as are the people in San Jose dedicated to their pre-planning methods.

As most of you know, KST/ Rosendin were short-listed for the up-coming Parkland Hospital project located in Dallas. Part of our contribution to the interview process was to create a 5 minute presentation in the form of a movie representing what the hospital will eventually look like once it is completed. Jeff Crim and Jason Vanderschel spent 308 hours in a week working on this and half building the presentation, which represents literally tens of thousands of individual renderings of CAD drawings. Jason is an independent software contractor we hired to assist Jeff with the renderings and compiling of the movie. The end result is quite impressive. Part of the movie is a building "fly through" with images of what the interior of the hospital will look like, including individual fluorescent lights coming on as you move along the corridor. This movie can be seen by accessing the KST Intranet and clicking on the "Pre-Planning" tab and then by clicking on the "Parkland Presentation". It is just shy of 5 minutes, but worth the look. The rendering on the Intranet is somewhat less than presentation quality due to the file size constraints, but still very good. As a side note, KST/ Rosendin were not successful in landing the project, although as one Rosendin representatives said, "It wasn't because of lack of effort".

All in all, we continue to become more efficient with our work and are always looking for ways to improve what we do. As always, we are open for constructive criticism and suggestion that will help us improve the work we do.

KST Acquired by Rosendin

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"We are proud of our accomplishments and excited about joining the Rosendin family," said Tumlinson. "We think that the resources that Rosendin Electric can provide to our customers and employees cannot be matched and will allow us to continue to provide exceptional customer service and a quality product for many years to come."

About Rosendin Electric

Rosendin Electric, Inc., headquartered in San Jose, California, is a 100% employee-owned electrical engineering, power and communications provider that consistently ranks in the top five electrical contractors in the United States. Our 3,000 employees have built upon a 90-year reputation for quality installations nationally, with branch offices in San Francisco, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Sacramento, CA; Tempe, AZ; Hillsboro, OR; Las Vegas, NV; and Arlington, VA. To keep pace with today's innovative high-tech business climate, we strive to remain on the cutting edge of electrical technology. We attribute our success to building strategic partnerships and ensuring complete customer satisfaction. For additional information about Rosendin Electric, visit the website at www.rosendin.com.

NEW KST PROJECTS IN THE AREA AND LINES OF BUSINESS SOLD

Davis Deer Lane Water Qua
Instrumentation and Controls

LCRA Fire Alarm Upgrade
Electrical

University of Texas Jamail Swim Center
Electrical

Vought Cooling Towers
Electrical

Strahan Coliseum Lighting
Electrical

Camp Mabry Rehab Bldgs 10
Datacomm

SAFETY UPDATE

We have had an excellent year in safety so far and this was only possible with your commitment. The accidents incurred this year were less than half of last year's numbers. Out of 12 total accidents there were only 6 that were recordable. One those 6 had lost time away from work. This year to date, KST has worked a total of 884,153.68 hours. This will allow up to \$40,000 dollars to purchase safety awards for our Summer Safety Picnic. So thank to everyone for helping keep an eye on each other and helping each other when needed. Without this commitment towards safety, our picnic and awards presentations would not be possible.

This year's safety picnic will be held at Reunion Ranch (same location as last year), on July 24. The picnic will start at 4 pm and close at 8 pm. Awards will be given out as well but with a few changes compared to last year's qualifications. To receive the All Star Award qualification, you must be accident free all 4 quarters of the year. To receive The Attendance Award qualification, you will have had to work all straight time hours available, totaling 1,920 hours. This year we will also have a new award called the SUPER ALL STAR. To qualify for this award, you must be accident free for all 4 quarters of the year and also worked all available straight time hours. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic, and remember this is a family event, so bring your spouses and children for a fun filled afternoon!



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Project Spotlight:

University of Texas at Austin Gas Turbine #10

The University of Texas at Austin Gas Turbine #10 project consisted of installing a new 34MW GE gas turbine generator and a heat recovery steam generator, along with all ancillary equipment and systems in an existing building on the main campus.

Harvey Cleary Builders was the General Contractor and their project team consisted of Senior Project Manager Ron Turner, Project Manager Gerald McCarty, and Site Superintendent Rodney Carpenter. This project was extremely challenging due to the short nine month construction schedule. With the new equipment being installed in an existing building, close coordination between the general contractor, the mechanical contractor and electrical contractor was crucial.

The KST construction team consisted of: Project Manager Daryl Petrosky; Steve Aiken as the General Foreman; James Monk and Patrick Tripp as Foremen and a great group of KST field personnel whose hard work under difficult conditions helped to make this job successful. Congratulations to the whole construction team for delivering the University of Texas another quality project!

Project Spotlight:

UT Art Building and Museum Renovation

The University of Texas Austin - UT Art Building and Museum Renovation project was a remodel of the existing Art Building at the UT Austin Campus. The project consisted of renovating approximately 40,000 square feet of gallery, related administration offices and studio spaces.

KST's project team was led by Doug Filipek, with Jeff Ake as foreman. KST teamed with Flynn Construction, whose management was led by Gary Miller and Jay Smith.

Renovation of the Gallery started in February 2009 and was completed in December 2009. The project highlights consist of specialty lighting for both building aesthetics and for art displays, along with lighting controls. KST worked closely with Brown Design Consultants (lighting designer) to assure the desired outcome for the lighting requirements.

Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on this project and made this job another KST success- on time and on budget!



ESTIMATION

At the close of this month, we will have bid approximately 110 projects throughout April and May. We are still seeing some larger scaled projects come out for bid as well. Projects in the Austin area are starting to bid again but very few are being awarded. We are still pursuing work throughout Texas.

Happy Birthday to:

July

Jose Arevalo	1
Jeremiah Elizondo	1
Marcus Galvan	1
Rex Stockton	2
Guadalupe Esparza	2
Matthew Briggs	2
Juan Rodriguez	3
Tracy Orme	4
Travis Edlin	5
Walter Chaney	6
Jeff Ricciardi	6
Aubray Rivera	6
Mark Lawhon	7
Vickie Dillard	8
William White	8
Ernest Holmes	10
Tomas Aleman	12
Rorey Voigt	12
William Crump	13
Donavon Woolley	13
Antonio Almodovar	14
James Surre	15
Lance Suchomel	16
Larry Bonham	17
Steven Cook	19
Gabriel Lujan	19
Derek Meyer	20
Elizabeth Brink	20
Richard Sanchez	20
Bulmaro Castillo	20
Dustin Doyle	21
Dillon Doyle	21
Farron Matthews	23
Robert Ramirez	23
Jamaer Hopes	23
John Mortellaro	24
Santana Leos	26
Shirley Pruitt	27
William Gotchey	29
Robert Balandran	29
Kristen Fiebig	30
James Stone	31
Fletcher Thorne	31

August

Joshua Lasater	1
Jeffrey Pruitt	3
Hub Hunt	4
Miguel Ramirez	6
Cory Amidon	7
Ricardo Alvarado	7
Jeremy Whitaker	7
Ismael Gonzalez	8
Sonya Hefner	8
Raymond Statton	8
Juvenal Campos	9
David Barker	9
Luis Adame	10
Roberto Romero	11
Fernando Martinez	11
Ronnie Flores	11
Tabetha Leavines	12
Paul Soliz	13
Russell Horn	13
Ramon Thompson	14
Ruben Hernandez	14
Joseph Selvera	15
Frank Darter	16
Elmore Willis	16
Ruben Trevino	19
Albert Gutierrez	20
Kevin Holder	20
Scott Cancellieri	21
Gerald McKee	22
Justin Maxwell	22
Todd Naiser	23
Steven Hoffman	24
Robert Rodriguez	25
James Reese	25
Michael Nelson	26
Dean Bryant	27
Clifford Roberson	27
Detrick Watts	28
Steven Hanson	28
Raymond Mireles	28
Jonathan Kelly	29
Scot Witt	31

September

Bobby Swenson	1
Roger Larson	1
Tim Schultz	1
Sean Witt	4
Lorenzo Torrez	5
John Sunvison	7
John Taylor	9
Michael Warden	9
Leticia Tornquist	9
Jeffrey Johansen	9
Chas West	10
Edward Cano	10
Lee Gonzales	10
John Lynch	10
Brandi Watson	11
Robert Sanchez	11
Martin Soto	11
Daniel Ranjel	12
Charles Cole	12
Erik Carroll	13
Christopher Hernandez	14
Kevin Telander	15
Rolfe Patterson	16
Terry Tindall	16
Edward Ortiz	16
Daryl Petrosky	16
Juan Robledo	16
Joe Parsons	17
Glen DeFillipi	18
Christopher Piersol	18
Alejandro Miranda	18
Michael Starkweather	19
Jeremiah Crabtree	19
Elise Franki	19
Douglas Schneider	20
Donald Murphy	20
Jim Rodriguez	20
Robert John	23
Alex Lecchini	25
Anthony Rinn	25
Brian Pogue	25
Shannon Alexander	26
Melvin Freitag	27
Kenny King	27
Perri Knopp	30
Shane Harris	30

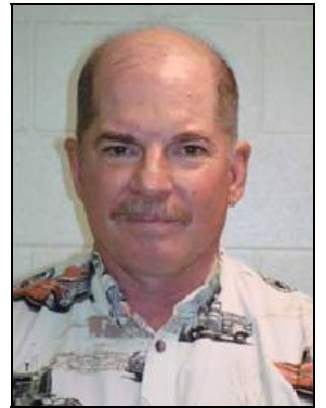
Jeff Ricciardi Teaching at Giddings State School

The Giddings State School is proud to announce the beginning of their new Learning for Life program being held on campus. The class started in April and continues in six week increments. The first phase of this program, which draws much of its material from the Boy Scouts of America, started with the school's newest and youngest students.

TYC volunteer & mentor Jeff Ricciardi is leading the Learning for Life club on Friday evenings. Jeff and the students have dinner together and then participate in fun activities that teach or demonstrate character and leadership skills. On May 28, Jeff completed the first six weeks course. He will move on to a new dorm to start the next class in June. At the end of the each program, Jeff will distribute laminated cards with all of the character and leadership skills that students discussed. Students will keep these cards to set daily goals, or to reflect on their participation.

The Learning for Life curriculum that Jeff is using with the students complements the CoNEXTions and specialized treatment programs at Giddings State School. They hope that offering these character and leadership skills to students when they first arrive will help them transition from orientation into specialized treatment more quickly.

Join us in congratulating and extending a heartfelt thank you to Jeff Ricciardi for volunteering his time and helping to positively shape young minds and lives!



Jeff Ricciardi

Casting a line

Check out two of our KST foreman who recently made some great catches!



James Doyle (above) tried out his new boat and fishing skills a few weeks ago on Lake Bastrop. Looks like it was a perfect match! He caught this 5 1/2 lb large mouth bass.



Randy Holland (above) must have had some pretty good fishing techniques to capture this one at 23 1/4 inches long.

Thank you KST!

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated funds to Shawn and Jill Driskill in April. KST raised \$4,600.00 for the family!

Shawn spent three weeks in ICU for treatment of trauma to his esophagus, which left him unable to work. Shawn is now home after spending over a month in the hospital and is recovering.

The family is very grateful and appreciative of KST's support through this hard time. Way to go KST for the generosity and support shown to the Driskill Family!