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Orange County AgriLife Newsletter

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Orange County Family extends our sincere thoughts and prayers to everyone who was impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Due to Hurricane Harvey there has been some temporary changes with the Orange County Office. We are still located in the same location and still available to assist the community in anyway we can. The front office is not accessible to the public. If you come to the AgriLife office, just knock on our door and we will meet you.

We live in a county that we pull together to rebuild and bring our community back together.



Emotional Distress

To talk to a professional who can help you cope with emotional distress after a disaster:

- Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 800-985-5990
- Text TalkWithUs to 66746
- or visit: <http://disasterdistress.samhsa.gov>

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Selecting Mold
Remediation Contractors

Don L. Renzie, Extension Agricultural and Environmental Safety Program Leader
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Regulations

In 2003 Texas adopted one of the most stringent set of regulations in the nation for individuals engaged in mold remediation. Because of floods along the Gulf Coast, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 329 (HB 329), "The Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rule." The Texas Department of State Health Services (formerly the Texas Department of Health) is the state agency responsible for enforcing the rules. The law requires that all individuals engaged in mold assessment and/or remediation be licensed.

Licenses are required for mold assessment companies, mold analysis laboratories, mold assessment technicians, mold assessment consultants, mold remediation workers (with registration as a worker), mold remediation contractors and mold remediation companies.

Individuals who inspect, analyze and recommend remediation actions are known as **mold assessors**. People who engage in the business of correcting mold problems are known as **mold remediators**. To do either, Texas law requires a license from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Contact Information

For information about the Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules, contact the Texas Department of State Health Services Indoor Air Quality Branch at 1-800-293-0753 or 512-834-4509. Personnel can explain the rules and licensing standards.

Caring for Important Papers after a Flood

*Extension Family Development and Resource Management Specialists
The Texas A&M University System*

If your important papers have been damaged by flooding or rainwater, you might be able to save them by following these instructions:

- For best results, dry papers and books slowly.
- If you don't have time to clean and dry your books and papers immediately, put each book or paper in a sealed plastic bag in the freezer to prevent mildew. Place wax paper between the layers of paper bundles or books so they can be separated easily when removed.
- Wipe book covers with a solution of one part rubbing or denatured alcohol and one part water.
- Place the books on end with the leaves separated. When they are partially dry, pile and press the books to keep the pages from crumpling. Alternate drying and pressing the books until they are thoroughly dry. This helps prevent mildew. In this step, you can use a fan to dry them faster.
- If papers and books are very damp, sprinkle the pages with cornstarch or talcum powder to absorb moisture. Leave the powder there for several hours, then brush it off.
- For valuable books that are nearly dry, consider pressing the pages with an electric iron set on low. Although this is a tedious process, it may be worth the effort. Separate the pages to prevent musty odors.
- When the books are thoroughly dry, close them and use C-clamps to help them retain their shape. Wipe vinyl and leather book covers with a light coating of petroleum jelly or leather or vinyl dressing.

Even if your papers appear to have dried successfully, they may disintegrate rapidly because of substances that were in the floodwater or rainwater.

Original material written by Karen P. Varcoe, Consumer Education Specialist, University of California Cooperative Extension.

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Managing Fire Ants after a Flood

When dealing with imported fire ants in flood water, care must be taken to avoid being stung by ants floating in colony “rafts”. Closing flooded public land areas should be considered. FAPFS describes a dilute soapy water spray that can be used to cause ants to sink and drown quickly.

Pesticide use around bodies of water should be used with care to avoid surface water contamination. Bait-formulated products can only be applied to ground around bodies of water—not to water surfaces. Effectiveness relies on worker ant foraging and retrieving the bait insecticide. The fastest-acting baits include products containing indoxacarb—eliminating ant colonies in 3 to 10 days. Contact insecticides can provide fast control but many have toxicity to aquatic organisms. They should also not be applied to flood water, only to ants on land around bodies of water.

Protect yourself: Wear boots, gloves, long pants, long-sleeve shirts, and socks. Spray insect repellent containing DEET onto your shoes and lower pants legs. This may help deter foraging fire ants from climbing onto your legs, but may not repel ants defending their colony. If using shovels or other tools, spread baby powder or talcum on the handle. Fire ants cannot climb onto vertical surfaces dusted with talcum powder unless the surface gets wet or the powder is rubbed off.

5 Pumpkin-Carving Hacks You Need To Try This Halloween



1. Cookie –Cutter Trick

You only need two items for this: the cutest cookie cutter you can find, and a rubber mallet. Gently hammer the cookie-cutter shape into your pumpkin with the mallet. You can lightly hammer the impression of the cookie cutter into the pumpkin and use it as a stencil, or punch the cookie cutter all the way through.

2. Petroleum Jelly

After you're finished carving, coat the inside of your pumpkin with a thin layer of petroleum jelly. That way, your jack-o-lantern will last until trick-or-treating.

3. Power Tools

Electric drills make for perfect pumpkin-carving tools. Depending on the drill bit, you can create circles in all kinds of different sizes.

4. Artificial Light

One way to cut the life of a jack-o'-lantern short is to use candles. Heat can quickly take your pumpkin from zero to mushing in not time at all. Battery powered candles work just as well without causing damage to your pumpkin. Alternatives to batter-powered candles is solar-power lights. Another fun way to light up your pumpkins is by using glow sticks.

5. Dry-Erase Markers

Choosing the face that your pumpkin is going to be wearing can sometimes take more than one sketch, and using a pencil can leave a permanent intent. Dry-erase markers are a great way to sketch up a spooky face, especially because you can erase your mistakes and start over again, mark-fee.



4-H/Youth Development

Orange County 4-H Annual Pecan Fundraiser 2017



Plain Pecans Choice of Halves or Pieces

1 lb. bag	\$9.50
3 lb. box	\$27.50
5 lb. box	\$45.50



Peanuts

12 oz Chocolate Peanuts	\$5
12 oz Honey Roasted Peanuts	\$5
1 lb Hot and Spicy Peanuts	\$4

Specialty Mixes

- Texas Deluxe Nut Mix \$9**
(Pecans, Cashews, Almonds and Brazil Nuts)
- Hunter's Mix \$6**
(Cashews, Cocktail Peanuts, Sesame Sticks, Sesame Seeds, Natural Almonds, Fancy Pecan Halves, Peanut Oil and Salt)
- California Mix \$6**
(Almonds, Walnuts, Dried Apricots, Diced Dates, Banana Chips Seedless Raisins, Coconut Chips, Cashews and Sunflower Seeds)
- Trash Mix \$4**
(Sesame Sticks, Jumbo Runner Peanuts, Pretzels, Hot and Spicy Peanuts, Peanut Oil and Salt)
- Fiesta Mix \$4**
(Bar-B-Que Corn Sticks, Taco Sesame Sticks, Nacho Cheese and Hot & Spicy Peanuts)
- Fruit Mix \$5**
(Dried Apricots, Banana Chips, Diced Pineapple, Diced Papaya \$ Golden Raisins)
- Cran-Slam Mix \$7**
(Dried Cranberries, Raw Walnut Pieces, Roasted and Salted Sunflower Seeds, Roasted and Salted Pumpkin Seeds, Diced Pineapple and Black Raisin)
- Mountain Mix \$5**
(Roasted and Salted Cashews, Roasted and Salted Peanuts, Roasted and Salted Almonds, Raisins and M&M's)

Pre-Orders deadline to have
in time for Christmas will be Nov. 9th

Specialty Nuts

1 lb Roasted and Salted Cashews	\$8
1 lb Walnuts	\$8
1 lb. Roasted and Salted Pistachios	\$8
1 lb. Raw Almonds	\$8
12 oz Chocolate Cover Almonds	\$8

Frosted or flavored Pecans 12 oz. zipper bag

Chocolate Covered or White Chocolate or Chocolate Toffee Covered	\$8
Praline Frosted or Amaretto Frosted	\$8
Cinnamon Frosted or Honey Toasted Glazed	\$8
Sugar Free Chocolate (contains Malitol)	\$9

SAMPLERS



- 4 Flavor 1 lb. Pecan Sample \$13**
(White Chocolate, Chocolate, Cinnamon and Praline Halves)
- 2 lb. Pecan Sampler \$25**
(Chocolate, White Chocolate, Amaretto, Cinnamon, Pina Colada & Praline Frosted)
- 2 lb. Fruit and Nut Sampler \$22**
(Whole Almonds, Raw Pecan Halves, Walnut Halves, Dried Cranberries, Fruit Mix and Trail Mix)
- 3.5 lb. Round Wicker Gift Basket \$44**
1/2 lb . Each Milk Chocolate Pecans, White Chocolate Pecans, Praline Frosted Pecans, Texas Deluxe Mix & Hunter's Mix
- 3.94 lb. Big Tex Gift Basket \$55**

Texas shaped basket filled with 11 oz. Pecan Topping, 12 ox. Each of Milk Chocolate Pecans, White Chocolate Pecans, Praline Frosted Pecans and 1 lb. Raw Pecan Halves.

Thank You!



To place your order call the

Orange County 4-H office
882-7010



4-H/Youth Development

4-H Club Meeting

Adult Leaders Association 6 pm
County 4-H Council 6:30 pm
1st Mondays @ 4-H Office 4-H
Members & Parents Welcomed



Dusty Trails 4-H Project Club
2nd Monday
6pm-8pm @ 4-H Office
Becky Hutchison 409-670-8945

Boots and Bridles 4-H Horse Club
3rd Monday @ 6 pm
T2 Arena (weather permitting)
Becky Hutchison 409-670-8945

All Hearts 4-H Homeschool Club
3rd Monday @ 1 pm
TBA
Cortney Sanders 979-574-7220
Kristen Hay 409-474-9666

Mighty Pirates 4-H
(Primary a Livestock Club)
2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm,
Vidor Junior High School
Kathy Hester 790-8835

Clay Busters Shooting Sports
1st Tuesday @ 6 pm
4-H Office
Shooting Practice delayed until
Orange Gun Club has been restored
Robert Caffey 409-767-6222
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Whipped Cinnamon Pumpkin Butter

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2 sticks (8 ounces) unsalted butter, at
room temperature
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg (optional)
Pinch Salt
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons pure pumpkin puree
1/4 cup honey
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter until light and fluffy. Add the cinnamon and 1 tablespoon of the pumpkin puree. Beat until very well combined. Continue beating, gradually adding the remaining pumpkin puree, until completely incorporated. Add the honey and vanilla and beat until thick and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Serve or store in the fridge in an airtight container. Bring to room temperature before using.

Note: If you use fresh pumpkin puree, make sure it's not too watery. If it has a lot of extra moisture, wrap in cheesecloth and squeeze out the excess water.