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# Sparklight Helping People with Service Disrupted by Tornado, Local Numbers to Call for Assistance

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Sparklight Helping People with Service Disrupted by Tornado, Local Numbers to Call for Assistance

Dexter, MO -The local Sparklight office has set up two numbers to call 573-614-7825 or 573-614-7829. These numbers are used for those who have been affected by the EF2 Tornado only.

There is also temporary Wifi hotspot service set up at Pavilion #2 in West Park. No password is required.

Roughly 1,000 customers experienced some type of disruption after the EF2 tornado ripped through part of Dexter on Saturday evening around 8:32 p.m. About 200 customers are still without service, but some of those customers may also not have electricity yet.

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## Route D in Stoddard County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

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### Route D in Stoddard County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

Route D in Stoddard County will be reduced as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route 25 to Route 153.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 13 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

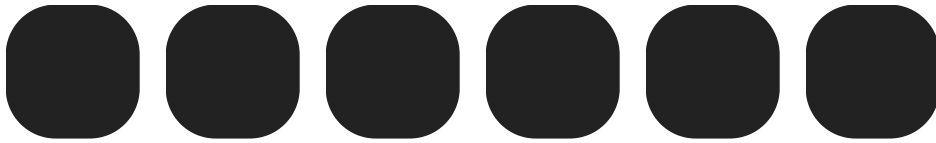
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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Route HH in Stoddard County will be reduced as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route CC to Route 153.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, July 13 and Wednesday, July 14 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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# Tyson Foods Recalling 4,500 Tons of Chicken

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## Tyson Foods Recalling 4,500 Tons of Chicken

Dexter, MO - Tyson Foods in Dexter is recalling almost 4,500 tons of ready-to-eat chicken products after find listeria bacteria according federal officials on Thursday.

Listeriosis is a serious infection primarily affecting older adults, those with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women and their newborns. It causes fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions sometimes preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms. In pregnant women, the infection can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, premature delivery or life-threatening infection of the newborn.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the recall a month after two consumers reported falling ill with listeriosis. Further investigation revealed one death besides the these two cases. It was traced to pre-cooked chicken produced at the Dexter based Tyson Foods according to a statement from the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

The recall involves three dozen products containing pre-cooked chicken. The recalled products bear establishment number **"EST. P-7089"** on the product bag or inside the USDA mark of inspection. The chicken was shipped nationwide to retailers and institutions, including hospitals, nursing facilities, restaurants, schools, and military locations.

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## Watch Out for Slow Moving Paint Crews

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### Watch Out for Slow Moving Paint Crews

The Missouri Department of Transportation’s Southeast District will kick-off striping operations in cities and towns in mid-July. Striping crews will restripe state routes in Jackson, Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff, Sikeston and Dexter, Missouri.

To help reduce the impact to traffic, striping will take place overnight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Weather permitting, striping operations will begin July 18, with completion anticipated in approximately three weeks.

Drivers may come upon slow-moving caravans of trucks refreshing the lines on the roadway and are encouraged to use caution. Motorists are asked to help assure the safety of MoDOT workers by paying attention to the road and not driving distracted—Buckle Up Phone Down.

Striping crews must travel slowly as they paint roadway markings to ensure a good quality line. The striping trains consist of three to five vehicles and can stretch over one-half mile while moving 8 to 12 mph. The trucks have flashing lights, boards with flashing

arrows and signs that say, “SLOW VEHICLES” and “WET PAINT.”

Crisp, easy-to-see striping is a significant safety feature on roadways. MoDOT uses paint embedded with glass beads. The beads reflect headlight beams back in the direction of the motorist to make the stripes more visible, especially at night, wet road or low light conditions.

Rain or very damp conditions will cancel or cut short any striping work that is scheduled.

### **Safety Tips**

Be patient if you come across MoDOT crews and give them the space to do their job safely.

Slow down as soon as you see the lights and signs and keep your distance until it is safe to go around the trucks.

On four-lane divided highways, pull around the striping train by merging carefully into the open lane, passing all the trucks in the train before moving back into the driving lane.

On two-lane highways, stay behind the last truck in the striping train. This vehicle is placed well behind the striping truck to give the new paint the few minutes it needs to dry. MoDOT crews will pull off the road where it is safe to do so to let congestion clear.

MoDOT uses water-based paint in all its highway operations. If you drive through wet paint, clean your car as quickly as possible with a high-powered water hose, such as those used in car washes.

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