

## Surge Protector Program

WITH SURGE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FROM THE UTILITIES BOARD,  
YOU CAN TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIGHTNING PROBLEMS!

Lightning produces millions of volts each time it strikes. Lightning protection is a simple concept. Lightning always takes the path of least resistance. So you must provide a ground, a deliberate and controlled path to divert this electrical current to earth. If you've had frequent lightning damage or if you have purchased an expensive TV, computer, stereo, cordless phone, and the like, you may want to consider buying surge equipment from the Utilities Board.

To properly protect equipment for a residential or small commercial customer, two levels of protection are required. The first level of protection will be offered by the Utilities Board. It will be located at the service entrance to handle high energy surges. This device will offer protection for wiring, major appliances, pumps, and heating/air conditioning equipment. The second level of protection is required for sensitive electronic equipment (i.e. computers, VCR, etc.). This usually consists of a plug-in type of surge suppressor which is designed to limit the voltage closer to the operating voltage which can be purchased locally.

### HOW DO I SIGN UP, AND WHAT WILL IT COST?

You can have affordable protection by calling 249-0372 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Contracts will be available at the Utilities Board office on N. Elm or the operations center on Edwards St. The cost is just \$3.00 a month with a one time installation charge of \$10.00. The monthly charge can be conveniently added to your electric bill. For just \$3.00 a month you will get the surge suppressor at the service entrance and a list of qualified local vendors for plug-in type of suppressors to protect your sensitive electronic equipment.