Not just an ordinary Monday in Avon Lake...

Helpful Tips

Are you ready for Avon Lake's total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024? Here are several tips to help you prepare well ahead of time.

Whether you're staying home or planning on being out and about, the total solar eclipse calls for some advanced planning and preparation as there can be an extreme demand on supplies, businesses, hospitals, restaurants, gas stations and more. Local community leaders, including police, fire, and county officials are preparing for the upcoming eclipse event.

Here are some important points to consider days before and days after the eclipse:

- The population of Avon Lake may double or even triple the day of the eclipse.
- Limited cell phone service and internet access due to heightened network use.
- Extreme demand on lodging, restaurants, and gas stations.
- Have a supply of necessary medications for yourself and loved ones weeks ahead of time.
- Stock up on food, bottled water, pet food, and fill up your vehicle gas tanks.
- Do you need propane for your generator?
- Delay medical appointments days before and days after eclipse. Hospitals, urgent care locations and doctor's offices could be in demand with emergencies due to the number of people in the area.
- Law enforcement, fire, EMS, health care facilities could be extremely busy.
- Avon Lake City Schools will be closed on Monday, April 8.
- Heavy to gridlocked traffic conditions before and after the eclipse are expected.
- Use cash when possible. Internet may go down due to heightened network use.
- Only use solar eclipse glasses that comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard. Don't squint at the sun directly. The UV rays of the sun can burn the retinas and can cause permanent damage to your vision. To purchase Avon Lake eclipse glasses please visit www.avonlake.org.
- Enjoy the eclipse! Don't try to take a photo or you will miss this monumental moment. Enjoy the photos professionals will post.

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