

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

### Christmas

Monday, December 24  
Tuesday, December 25  
Wednesday, December 26

### New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1

## BILL PAYMENT

### KIOSK LOCATIONS:

**HEB** - 1609 N. Texas Ave

**HEB** - 725 E. Villa Maria

### Texan Market

457 N. Harvey Mitchell Pkwy  
24 Hour Location

\*You can pay at any of these locations with cash or check. Account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter required.

Payments can be made 24 hours a day via the "e-payment" option by calling (979) 821-5700. Account number and credit card required.

[www.btutilities.com](http://www.btutilities.com)

979.821.5700

### Primary Address:

205 E. 28th Street,  
Bryan, TX 77803

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PO Box 8000, Bryan, TX 77805

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## LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY AND DISPOSAL

The City of Bryan's Public Works Department and Fire Department offer help with cleanup and safety. Decorating the Christmas tree is always a lot of fun, and for most families, a yearly tradition. But cleaning up after the holidays can be a little less fun. Bryan Public Works wants to help by picking up your tree at curbside at no charge! Be sure the tree has been cleaned of all decorations, lights, tinsel, and metal and plastic stands.

The Bryan Fire Department reminds you of the fire danger with natural Christmas trees. Though tree fires are rare, a very dry Christmas tree can present a fire danger. A dry tree can burn very quickly, leaving little time to escape.

### Here are some natural Christmas tree tips:

- When purchasing a natural tree, cut 1/2" off the trunk so that the tree can soak up the water.
- Keep a constant supply of water in the stand. Natural trees can "drink" a lot of water, especially when first set up.
- Keep any heat sources away from the tree.
- Use only UL listed light strings if you do decorate the tree with lights.

**Live Christmas tree removal will be available curbside on normal brush and bulky pick-up days.**

## WINTER ENERGY TIPS:

- Make sure that your heated air is not escaping from your home through air leaks in the caulking or weather stripping around your windows. Seal any leaks to keep your heater from constantly running.
- Set the thermostat at 68° or lower while you are at home, and even lower at night or while you are away. For customers with heat pumps, avoid turning the thermostat up by more than two degrees at a time to prevent activating auxiliary heat strips that use a great deal of energy.
- Insulation is the primary defense against heat loss. Make sure you have adequate insulation in your attic and exterior walls. If you add insulation, you may qualify for BTU's SmartHOME program. Visit [www.btutilities.com](http://www.btutilities.com) for more information!
- Utilize the sun's radiant heat by opening the drapes to let the sunlight warm your home. Make sure to close the drapes when the sun goes down to help keep the chill out.

## QUEEN'S Ball HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BRYAN

### RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE QUEEN'S BALL

DECEMBER 31, 2018 | 9 PM

The Downtown Bryan Association presents the third annual Queen's Ball sponsored by The Stella Hotel on Monday, December 31, from 9 PM to 1 AM.

This event will benefit the historic Queen Theatre which opened May 4, 2018. Enjoy an evening of hors d'oeuvres, dancing, drinks, casino games and more!

**Ticket Information:**

**\$50 Early Bird Ticket:** November 1 – 30, 2018

**\$65 Ticket:** December 1 – 31

**\$65 Ticket:** At the door, if available

Tickets are available for purchase at [downtownbryan.com](http://downtownbryan.com)

Each ticket includes one keepsake Queen's Ball champagne flute and a glass of champagne for the midnight toast.

To purchase a ticket and a room at The Stella Hotel, use promo code **QUEENBALL18** at [www.thestellahotel.com](http://www.thestellahotel.com)



**\*\*Queen's Ball is a 21 and over only event.\*\*** Please bring a valid photo ID and an electronic or paper copy of your ticket confirmation. Tickets are non-refundable.

## CONSERVATION TIPS

### Energy Conservation Tip:

Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter; it allows warm air to go right up the chimney.



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### Water Conservation Tip:

Washing dishes by hand consumes nearly 5,000 more gallons of water a year. Instead of rinsing dirty dishes, try scraping food waste from them. Using a "light wash" feature also conserves water. An ENERGY STAR dishwasher is, on average, 30 percent more water efficient than standard models and will save about 3,870 gallons of water over its lifetime.



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