

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 21

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

979.821.5700

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205 E. 28th Street,
Bryan, TX 77803

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PO Box 8000, Bryan, TX 77805

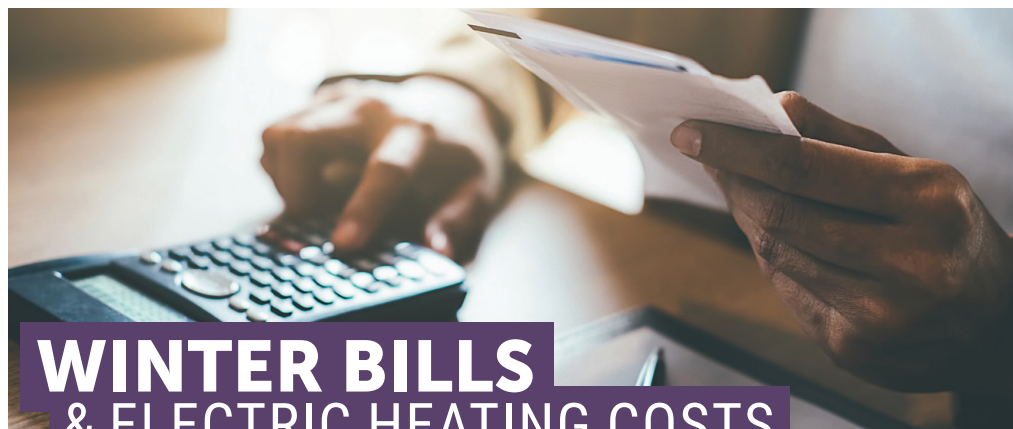
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WINTER BILLS & ELECTRIC HEATING COSTS

The aftermath of the holidays is upon us. Friends and family have come and gone, and your kitchen is begging you to hold off on making another pie until next year. It's time to take a look at your winter energy usage and implement improvements to your home in order to increase energy efficiency for the new year. Investing in energy efficiency can seem like a daunting task but it doesn't have to be; start small, even a minor change to your home can save money, energy, and time. Where should you start?

Here are a few energy saving tips that are easily implemented:

- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless you are burning a fire. Keeping it open lets warm air escape. Another way to alleviate this problem is to consider installing glass doors to your fireplace. These doors will ensure warm air does not escape out of your house through your fireplace and that cold air does not enter your house through the chimney.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed at night to keep the cold air out and open them during the day to allow the sun to heat your home naturally, particularly on your south facing windows which have a greater exposure to the sun's radiant heat in the winter. This will prevent your heater from kicking on at unnecessary times and save you money on your energy bill.
- Check for air leaks around your windows and doors. These gaps allow warm air to escape your home, and cool winter air to enter in from outside. If you don't already have double pane high efficiency windows, consider upgrading! They improve the comfort of your home, help reduce energy consumption, and might qualify for a rebate through BTU's SmartHOME program.
- Invest in a programmable thermostat now to start saving! You could save money on your heating bill by programming your thermostat to a lower temperature at night or after you leave for work. It is recommended that you only reduce the temperature by 6 to 8 degrees or no more than two degrees if you have an electric heat pump. Altering a heat pump system by more than two degrees in any one adjustment will likely cause an auxiliary electric resistance heat strip to come on since heat pumps are designed to use these heat strips to warm your home rapidly. Similar to electric stove top burners, heat strips use a significant amount of electricity. Heat pumps are best when set at the desired temperature and allowed to maintain a steady state. Unless you will be out of the home for an extended period, like a vacation, it is better leave your heat pump setting at a comfortable level.

These tips can provide you an abundance of savings. BTU offers a rebate for making energy efficient upgrades to your home. By adding attic or wall insulation, upgrading old windows to Energy Star rated windows, or adding solar screens, you can earn between 10 and 25 percent of your project cost back. Visit **btutilities.com** for more information. Start the new year off right by being energy efficient; your wallet will thank you later!



Did you know the City of Bryan Solid Waste Department services more than 25,000 residential accounts each week? Our crews complete routes Monday through Thursday, providing both container trash and brush/bulky collection on a weekly basis.

Q: When is my garbage service day?

A: Service routes information is posted at bryantx.gov or you may call our Public Works Customer Service Division at 979.209.5900. You can also download the City of Bryan's free mobile app for your Apple or Android device. This allows you to type in your physical address to see route information, set reminders, receive updates on holiday service schedules, and more.

Q: What kind of refuse should not be put in the containers?

A: Please never put construction debris; remodeling and demolition materials; dirt, sod, brush or rock; hot ashes or flammable materials such as oil, gas or paint; or furniture and appliances in your container.

Q: Where should I place my container for service?

A: Containers should be placed curbside no later than 7 AM on your scheduled collection day. Be sure it is at least 4 feet away from mailboxes, parked vehicles, low wires and limbs, and other obstructions to reduce service delays. See the arrows on the lid? These should be facing the street so that the lid opens away from your residence. At no time should surplus garbage or items be placed in front of, on top, or beside your container. Be sure to place your container adjacent to your home no later than twelve hours after your scheduled service day.

Please remember to bag all waste to prevent wind-blown litter! Our Customer Service Representatives are available to assist you over the phone Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 5 PM. If you need to request repairs or would like information about a particular service, please contact us at 979.209.5900. To report after-hour emergencies, please call BTU Dispatch at 979.822.3777.

Other Helpful Numbers

BVSWMA Composting Facility
979.361.0859

**Household Hazardous
Waste Hotline**
979.764.3809

**Brazos Valley Solid Waste
Management Agency**
979.764.3832

Keep Brazos Beautiful
979.775.3569

Bryan Drive-In Recycling
979.209.5675

CONSERVATION TIPS

Energy Conservation Tip:

Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F).
You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.



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Water Conservation Tip:

Try shortening your shower by a minute or two! You'll save up to 150 gallons per month.



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