

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Independence Day
 Friday, July 3

Visit bryantx.gov/coronavirus for the latest closures and cancellations.

BILL PAYMENT

Kiosk locations accepting credit cards, cash and checks:

HEB
 1609 N. Texas Ave.

HEB
 725 E. Villa Maria

BTU Drive-Through
 205 E. 28th St.
 Open 24 hours

Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter.

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

Primary Address:
 205 E. 28th St.,
 Bryan, TX 77803

Mailing Address:
 PO Box 8000, Bryan, TX 77805



SOCIAL MEDIA

BryanTexasUtilities

BTU_BryanTX

cityofbryan

cityofbryan

IT'S HURRICANE SEASON – ARE YOU READY?

The Atlantic hurricane season began June 1 and will run through November 30. This year, forecasters are predicting a more active than usual hurricane season, with an outlook for 16 named storms, 8 hurricanes, and 4 major (Category 3 or higher) hurricanes. The 30-year average is 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes.

The best time to prepare for a hurricane is well in advance of any named storm. Here are some things you can do right now in order to be prepared for threatening weather.

Prepare the outside of your home. Now is the time to assess your house and yard for potential hazards.

- Trim any branches that are within 10 feet of your house or other buildings and remove any branches that are dead. Call BTU before you attempt to trim any branches within 15 feet of a power line.
- Clear your gutters of leaves and other debris, as overflowing gutters can damage your roof, your siding, and even send water into your attic.
- Check your roof for missing, loose, or cracked shingles and have them repaired immediately. Wind-driven rain can seep under the shingles and damage the roof frame, attic, and ceilings.
- Have a plan to store any yard items that can be picked up by high winds, such as lawn chairs, garbage cans, deck furniture, etc.
- Anchor any items you can't move under cover, such as trampolines or yard swings. High winds can send these items through your windows if they are not anchored down.

Prepare the inside of your home. Hurricanes often cause damage to utility infrastructure, and some residents may experience extended outages due to the damages. Prepare now to avoid the last minute rush for supplies when a storm nears.

- Store at least one gallon of drinking water per day for each person and pet. This is the equivalent of eight plastic bottles of water. Have at least a three-day supply, more if you have the room. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) states bottled water can stay fresh for two years.
- Check your flashlights to make sure they work and have fresh batteries. Ideally, have one flashlight per person in your home, and have a set of backup fresh batteries. It is also a good idea to have one portable USB charger for each cell phone.
- Consider purchasing a crank flashlight and radio. These items require no batteries – simply crank the handle to make your own electrical power. Some brands even come with USB ports to charge cell phones and other small devices.
- Keep a three day emergency food supply. This includes items that do not need refrigeration, such as peanut butter, crackers, granola bars, energy bars, nuts, canned ready-to-eat foods, etc. Be sure to keep a manual can opener handy. If you have pets, don't forget their food as well.
- Have a stocked first aid kit handy. The American Red Cross lists recommended items for a family first aid kit at redcross.org.
- Make sure your insurance policies are safe and available. Have your policies in a waterproof container and be sure to take them with you if you need to evacuate.
- Have some extra cash on hand. There may be no way to process debit and credit cards during power outages.

A little preparation now can save you and your family time, money, and anxiety should a hurricane or other severe weather hit our area. For more information on hurricane preparedness, go to www.weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness.

UTILITY EASEMENTS

At Bryan Texas Utilities, we understand that electrical equipment such as transformers, poles, and guy wires, aren't the most aesthetically pleasing items to have in your yard. However, these items are necessary to provide you with safe and reliable power. It is imperative that Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) have unobstructed access to repair and maintain this equipment. Residents should keep this necessity for access to equipment in mind when landscaping or constructing anything near electrical facilities. If access to equipment is blocked, it could require crews to remove the obstacles and prolong outages. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to, trees and shrubs, storage buildings, fences, and poured concrete.

Help us maintain safe and reliable electric service by adhering to utility easements and not placing any obstructions around electrical equipment. Please also remember that residents must call Texas811 to have underground utilities located prior to beginning any excavation work on your property.



ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

If you are a City of Bryan water customer, the direct link to our 2019 Annual Water Quality Report - Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is: <https://docs.bryantx.gov/water/2019waterqualityreport.pdf>

Your new report will be available for online viewing by July 1, 2020. For a translation of the report, to speak with someone about the report, or to request a paper copy of the report, please call (979) 209-5900.

Si usted es un cliente de agua de la Ciudad de Bryan, el enlace de internet directo a nuestro 2019 Reporte de Calidad de Agua Anual - Reporte de Confianza del Consumidor (CCR) es:

<https://docs.bryantx.gov/water/2019waterqualityreport.pdf>

Su reporte nuevo va a ser disponible para ser visto por internet para el 1 de Julio, 2020. Para una traducción del reporte, para hablar con alguien sobre el reporte, o para solicitar una copia en papel del reporte, por favor llame al (979) 209-5900.

MAKING CHILDREN COUNT IN THE 2020 CENSUS

Children under age 5 are one of the largest groups of undercounted people in the United States. In fact, in the 2020 Census, nearly 1 million children were not counted, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's 4.6% of children under the age of 5 in the U.S.

Why does it matter? Population counts from the Census are used to fund programs that directly affect children in our community, and being undercounted means being underfunded. These programs can include nutrition assistance, Head Start, special education, foster care, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and housing assistance to help their families.

If you have children in your home, make sure they are counted in the right place:

- The general rule is: Count children in the home where they usually live and sleep most of the time, even if their parents do not live there.
- If you've just had a baby, and your baby was still in the hospital on April 1, 2020, then count your baby at the home where he or she will live and sleep most of the time.
- If children spend time in more than one home, count them where they usually stay most often. If their time is evenly divided, or if you do not know where they stay most often, count them where they were staying on April 1, 2020.
- If you are helping to take care of a friend's or family member's child, and the child does not have a permanent place to live, count the child if he or she was staying with you on April 1, 2020—even if it's only temporary.

Fill our your household's Census today at [My2020Census.gov](https://www.my2020census.gov).



CONSERVATION TIPS

Energy Conservation Tip:

Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire.



Water Conservation Tip:

Remember to weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light and water.

