



HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 18, 2021

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

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ENERGY RESOLUTIONS for the New Year

Switch to LED light bulbs

This is one of the easiest resolutions to keep, and the payback period is quicker than you think. Change out ALL of your incandescent or halogen light bulbs to LED bulbs, and the energy savings will recoup your bulb purchase expenses before May, based on average prices. LED bulbs use five to six times less energy for an equal amount of light, generate very little heat, and can last up to 13 times longer than traditional bulbs.

Change air filters regularly

Get into the habit of changing out the filters of your heating and cooling system on a regular basis. This can mean once per month if using less expensive fiberglass filters or if there are children or pets in the home. Pleated filters can last up to three months, but it is best to check your filters at least monthly and change them before they get clogged with dust.

Install programmable thermostats

Much like LED bulbs, programmable thermostats can pay for themselves quickly in energy savings. Simply program the thermostat so your unit doesn't run when no one is home, and set it to your normal heating or cooling temp about an hour before you return home.

Caulk and weather strip doors and windows

As homes age, their original caulking and weather stripping can dry out and crack, allowing air to flow in and out of your home. Caulk is an easy, inexpensive way to reseal window and door frames. If you can feel a draft around your external doors, apply foam or felt weather-stripping to the door jamb to seal the leak when the door closes. Apply peel-and-stick V-seal weather-stripping to windows that no longer seal properly.

Purchase Energy Star[®] appliances

Energy Star® rated appliances have met strict energy efficiency criteria developed by the U.S. Department of Energy, and they are usually no more expensive than similar appliances. Energy Star® appliances use 10 to 50 percent less energy than standard models. Check actual appliance ratings on the yellow Energy Star® tags to help save the maximum amount of energy.

PLUG IN



THE BIG EVENT Now Accepting Job Request Forms

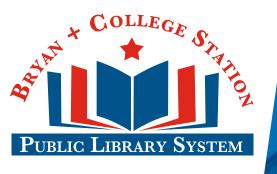
One Big Day, One Big Thanks, One Big Event. On March 27, 2021, The Big Event Texas A&M University will be serving our community for an entire day! Texas A&M students will be giving back through the largest, one-day, student-run service project in the nation. And they want to help you, our residents.

Is there a project you have been putting off? Is it because you needed a little extra manpower to get it done? You are in luck! From redoing flower beds and cleaning windows to painting trim, students are ready to volunteer their time and talent to help you get a jump start on spring cleaning.

You may submit job requests for The Big Event now through Feb. 8, 2021.

Additional details and the job request form are available at https://bigevent.tamu.edu





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Educational assistance available through TUTOR.COM

The Bryan + College Station Library recently partnered with **Tutor.com** to offer free educational assistance for learners of all ages. The service provides live homework help, live tutors, an adult education center, career center and study skills coaching – with many resources available 24 hours a day.

To take advantage of this free resource, you will need to have a BCS Library card, which Brazos County residents can get for free online at bcslibrary.org or at any library location.

CONSERVATION TIPS

Energy Conservation Tip:

Reversing your ceiling fan to operate in a clockwise direction, at a low speed, will produce a gentle updraft. This forces warm air down into the occupied space from the ceiling.



Water Conservation Tip:

Cover your exterior water pipes and hose bibs with insulation to insure that they won't burst and leak due to freezing.