

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

**Labor Day**  
**Monday, September 6, 2021**

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

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

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The SmartHOME Incentive Program encourages customers to focus on the building envelope of their home. The building envelope is your home's barrier against the outside weather, consisting of the roof/attic, windows, and exterior walls. The insulation and weatherproofing qualities of these areas determine how well your home maintains the desired indoor temperature and humidity. Thus, it is important that you have measures in place to ensure your home is protected against the elements. You can have the most efficient air conditioning unit on the market, but if the heating or cooling effect is lost through poor insulation or inefficient windows, you are still wasting money. To combat this, BTU offers a rebate of 10 to 25 percent of total project costs to customers who install one or more of the following energy efficiency measures:

## Attic/Exterior Wall Insulation

Insulation effectiveness is measured in units of R-value, which is the level of thermal resistance provided. To qualify, customers must not have more than an R-22 level of insulation existing in the attic, and must raise the value to R-30 or greater. To qualify for exterior wall insulation rebates, customers must not have any existing insulation and must raise the value to R-13 or greater. Most types of insulation are accepted, including spray foam, fiberglass batts, rock wool, and blown-in cellulose or fiberglass.

## ENERGY STAR® Windows

The Department of Energy certifies certain high-performing appliances and materials that save the user money on energy costs and help protect the environment. ENERGY STAR® windows lessen the effect of the sun's ultraviolet rays heating your home in the summer, and help keep warm air from escaping your home in the winter. To qualify, customers must replace old, inefficient, and single-paned windows with ENERGY STAR® rated windows.



## Solar Screens

Solar screens fit on the outside of your windows to help reflect the sun's ultraviolet rays, keeping them from heating up your home. These are different from standard bug screens found on many windows. To qualify, customers must add solar screens to windows that did not originally have solar screens. The screens must be rated to block at least 65% of the solar heat gain, and be installed on predominately west or south facing windows.

Any one of these three measures can be installed by a contractor or by the homeowner, and must have been installed within the current BTU fiscal year (October 1 through September 30 each year). Invoices for the work and materials must be submitted along with before and after pictures of the project to display the differences made.

**Visit [btutilities.com](http://btutilities.com) to apply or for more information!**



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL Safety Tips



As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember – and share with your children – some key tips that will help keep them safe throughout the school year. Check out these tips from the National Safety Council:

*Whether children walk, ride their bicycle, take the bus or are driven to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions.*



### Walkers

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted walking.

### Bike Riders

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file.
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding.
- Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.

### Bus Riders

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb.
- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

### Driving Your Child to School

- Stay alert and avoid distracted driving.
- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure.
- Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street.
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children.

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## CONSERVATION TIPS

### Energy Conservation Tip:

Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and, therefore, unnecessary expense.



### Water Conservation Tip:

Watering outdoor plants in the early morning or evening can reduce evaporation due to the cooler temperatures.

