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BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES NEWS

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Independence Day (*observed*)
Monday, July 5, 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.

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

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PO Box 8000, Bryan, TX 77805

HOT WEATHER TIPS

Texas weather is nothing short of impressive. In any given year, the state experiences hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, droughts, blizzards, and heat waves. Despite the unpredictable weather, there is always one constant for Texans in the summer, the heat. Check out the tips below for a few recommendations on how to stay cool and save on your energy costs this summer.

It is not the heat – it is the humidity.

That is right!

Humidity makes the air feel hotter than the actual temperature due to the saturation of water molecules in the air. Hello heat index! Use vents in the bathroom while bathing or showering and in the kitchen while cooking to remove excess heat and humidity from your home.

It is hotter than a pepper sprout.

We can thank Johnny and June for that one.

When the meteorologist is calling for a scorcher, plan to play outside in the sprinklers or pool and set the thermostat a few degrees higher. Just make sure to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen while outdoors. If you are sitting on the porch watching the fun, consider using a ceiling or stand fan. According to the US Department of Energy, you can raise the temperature up to four degrees without noticing a difference if using a fan.

You could fry an egg on the sidewalk.

Or bake cookies in your car.

While we do not recommend unconventional cooking, it is a good idea to think a little outside the box. Grill outdoors or use the microwave or slow cooker to prepare meals. These means produce less heat and humidity inside your home, keeping your air conditioner from having to work overtime.

You could get a sunburn through a window.

We have all felt that heat on our arms on a long road trip.

Prevent that heat from entering your home through your windows by adding solar screens to the outside of windows. The screens reflect up to 90 percent of the sun's ultraviolet rays, allowing your home to avoid the radiant heat and stay a little cooler. Installing solar screens, especially on south and west facing windows, could earn you a 10 to 25 percent incentive payment on your total project costs through BTU's SmartHOME Program. **Visit our website for more information or to apply!**



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JULY NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION MONTH



July is National Park and Recreation Month, which celebrates the services and benefits that parks and recreation provides to communities like Bryan.

Parks are at the center of so many experiences and memories — moments that park and recreation professionals help make happen. Our local parks are often our first experiences in nature, our introduction to a favorite hobby or physical activity. They are places to gather with friends and family, spaces to celebrate life's special moments, spots of respite and healing, sites that connect us with essential community services, and so much more.

Enjoy all that Bryan Parks & Recreation has to offer this summer by getting outdoors in one of our parks, participating in a class or going swimming at one of our pools.

Bryan has more than 50 parks featuring a variety of amenities, including rentable pavilions, picnic tables, playgrounds for all ages, soccer and baseball fields, basketball, tennis and pickleball courts, splash pads, park benches and natural areas. Twenty-nine of those parks feature over 36 miles of natural, concrete, mulch and stone trails.

Find a listing of all of Bryan's parks and their amenities at bryantx.gov/parks

A variety of programs are offered through Bryan Parks & Recreation, including sports leagues, youth activities, summer camps and continuing education for adults. Or, cool off from the summer heat at one of Bryan's three community swimming pools or three splash pads.

Find out more about activities and aquatics at bryantx.gov/parks-and-recreation

CONSERVATION TIPS

Energy Conservation Tip:

Can your AC breathe? Keep the vents free from dust by regularly cleaning them, and set a schedule to change the return air filter(s) as recommended by the manufacturer.



Water Conservation Tip:

Check for water leaks. Most sink faucet leaks are visible, however some leaks can go unnoticed under the sink. Check the hot and cold under-sink shutoff valves below the basin for leaks. If a leak is detected, make sure the water supply that goes to the sink is shut off before replacing, or contact a licensed plumber.

