



## Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES

November 13, 2023

### Contract Approval Distribution Pole Inspections

The Board approved a contract extension with Davey Resource Group to perform the Fiscal Year 2024 distribution pole inspections.

### Contract Approval for Design and Staking of FY25 CIP Projects

The Board approved contracts with Heart of Texas Utility Design and M&S Engineering for professional design and staking services of Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Projects.

### Contract Approval for the BTU Backup Control Center Project

The Board approved a contract with Collier Construction for the Construction Manager at Risk for the BTU Backup Control Center Project.

### Recommendation to Approve Interlocal Agreement for Fiber Relocation

The Board recommended approval to the Bryan City Council to sign an interlocal agreement with Brazos County for the relocation of fiber along William J. Bryan Parkway as part of the overhead to underground utility conversion project.

### Agreement Regarding Proposed Relocation of Transmission and Distribution Lines

The Board approved an agreement with CertainTeed LLC regarding relocation, easements, and utility locations to accommodate a rail spur for the incoming business.

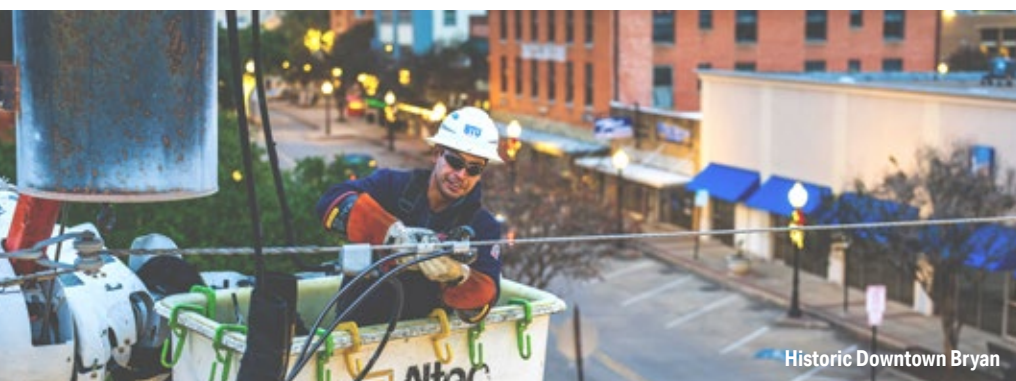


## BTU KIOSKS

Pay using cash, card or check at any one of our three convenient locations by entering your account number, listed on either your bill or your reminder letter, or by scanning a keycard provided by BTU. Keycards can be requested in the BTU main office.

### KIOSK LOCATIONS

- BTU Drive Thru – open 24 hours
- HEB at Texas Ave. & Hwy 21 – open 6am-12am
- HEB in the Tejas Center – open 6am-12am



Historic Downtown Bryan

## BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

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### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

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## Important Numbers

### Billing/Collections/Connects

(979) 821-5700

### Electrical Outage/Lines Down

(979) 822-3777

### Line Design

(979) 821-5770

## Social Media

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**2024**  
**Government-in-Action**

# YOUTH TOUR

Applications are  
**NOW OPEN!**

## **The Where**

Students from Texas travel by chartered flight to Washington D.C. for a week of fun-filled days touring attractions and historical sites.

## **The Who**

Three local high school students will be chosen as winners for the trip. To be eligible students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school and either live in or attend school in the BTU service territory.

**All applicants must apply online at:**  
**[btutilities.com/youthtour](https://btutilities.com/youthtour)**

Candidates will be judged on their responses to an essay question, their extracurricular activities, and academic and civic leadership.

## **The When**

**Applications are currently being accepted through February 1, 2024.**  
**The trip will take place June 16-23, 2024.**

## **The Why**

The idea to send students to Washington D.C. came from President Lyndon B. Johnson, a Texan who advocated for rural electrification and youth development. In 1957, when he was still a U.S. senator, Johnson suggested "sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

This notion evolved in the 1960s into a nationwide effort to send young people on organized, fun and educational trips to the nation's capital. Today, electric utilities from nearly every state send more than 1,500 youths to Washington, D.C. each June. Since 1965, more than 50,000 students have toured the capital thanks to their local utilities.

Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) is committed to powering and empowering the community we serve, and that means providing more than electricity. BTU also works to improve quality of life in the Brazos Valley, which includes investing in the area's young people. We are working to shape tomorrow's leaders by proudly sponsoring three local high school students to attend the Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

**Apply online today at [btutilities.com/youthtour](https://btutilities.com/youthtour)**



# TEXAS

## Winter Energy Tips

Winter has arrived in Bryan, Texas, and with the cooler temperatures comes increased energy usage in order to warm your home. Here are a few energy tips to keep you cozy and warm, without toasting your hard-earned dollars.

### Snuggle Up, Texan Style

Cozy up with an electric blanket instead of turning up the thermostat or invite friends over for a cozy gathering, and let the shared body heat keep things toasty.

### It's Chili Season

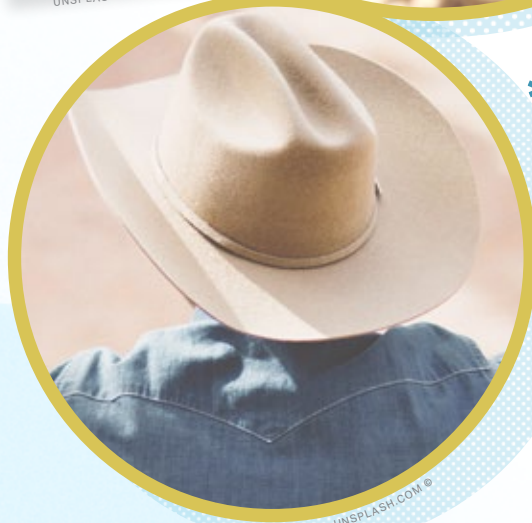
Beans or no beans? Homemade chili not only warms your soul, but also adds a zesty kick to your energy savings. Simmer your famous recipe using a slow cooker to maximize energy savings.

### Dress Like a Texan

You know the saying: "If you don't like the weather in Texas, wait five minutes." Instead of cranking up the thermostat every time the temperature drops, throw on a felt cowboy hat, and layer up like a true Texan. Y'all will be warm and fashionable in no time.



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## Smart Thermostats for Smart Texans

Upgrade your home with a smart thermostat. These nifty gadgets allow you to control your heating from the comfort of your recliner. Set it to warm up just before you arrive home and turn the heat down while you are away or sleeping.



## The Holiday Lights are Big and Bright, Deep in the Heart of Texas

Embrace the festive spirit without a shock when the bill arrives. Opt for LED holiday lights and decorations. LED lights are at least 75 percent more efficient and last up to 25 times longer than incandescent lights. LEDs also solve the age-old conundrum of having one bulb go out and ruin the whole strand of lights. LEDs can have one bulb go out while the rest of the strand still shines brightly.



## Insulation, Not Imitation

Seal up any gaps, cracks, or crevices in your home to keep the warm air in and the cold air out. It's like giving your house a warm and fuzzy sweater.

## Shake and Bake

Warm up your kitchen and your heart by baking some sweet treats. Not only will your home smell divine, but the heat from the oven will also help offset your heating costs.



Remember, Bryan Texas Utilities is here to support you in your quest for winter warmth without the budget freeze. Stay warm, and let your energy bills take a winter vacation of their own!







# SmartHOME

saving makes sense

***Everybody wants to save money, right?*** But as the old saying goes, you have to spend money to save money. BTU wants to help you invest in your home and save on your energy costs! The SmartHOME Energy Efficiency Program rewards residential customers that make certain upgrades to their homes. Customers who invest in one or more of the following measures could receive a 10 to 25 percent rebate of their total project cost.



## INSULATION

Homeowners often forget about the fluffy stuff in the attic and exterior walls that is designed to help a home retain the temperature of treated air. This allows your home to stay cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Customers who have old or inadequate insulation can benefit by adding or replacing insulation to improve their home's comfort, and reduce their energy consumption.

## WINDOWS

Single pane or inefficient windows allow heat to easily enter your home in the summer or escape from your home during the winter. In warmer weather, windows should prevent heat gain from the sun and heat infiltration from the air temperature. During the winter, windows should prevent heat loss. Customers who upgrade to Energy Star® rated windows may qualify for the SmartHOME program.





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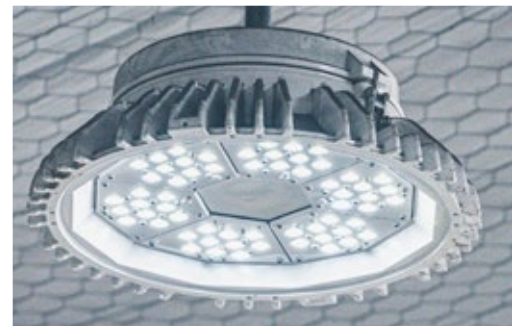
## SOLAR SCREENS

Solar screens are the easiest and most economical measure to invest in of the three energy efficient options of the SmartHOME program. These screens fit on the outside of a home's windows to reflect the sun's radiant beams, which can drastically heat your home on those hot summer days. Solar screens installed on primarily east and west facing windows can reduce this effect.

Any of these three measures can be completed by a contractor or – if you are handy – installed yourself. The upgrades can be completed all at once or a little at a time for convenience. Making these upgrades to your home will not only increase the comfort of your home, but also put a few pennies in the piggy bank. **Apply online at [btutilities.com](https://btutilities.com)!**



**SmartBUSINESS**  
saving makes sense



Commercial customers can receive up to a 10 to 20 percent rebate on energy efficiency measures through Bryan Texas Utilities' SmartBUSINESS Program. Eligible recipients include any commercial customer in the BTU service territory that completes a qualifying energy efficiency upgrade. Qualifying projects will receive a one-time payment of 10 to 20 percent of the project cost, capped at \$30,000 annually per customer.

Common projects include interior or exterior LED lighting retrofits, HVAC or chiller replacements or motor upgrades. It is recommended that any commercial customer seeking to utilize the program, contact BTU's Energy Management department at 979-821-5715.

# ARE YOU DISPOSING YOUR TRASH CORRECTLY?



Bryan residents are provided one 95-gallon container that gets collected once a week. Residents also have a scheduled brush and bulky collection service each week. Collection vehicles use automated arms to collect trash.

**DON'T KNOW YOUR  
COLLECTION DAY?**

SCAN HERE:



## COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- Place your container and brush and bulky items at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day at least 5 feet away from obstructions (mailboxes, parked vehicles, low hanging tree limbs, etc.)
- When setting out items, make sure not to obstruct pedestrian, bicycle or vehicle traffic.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

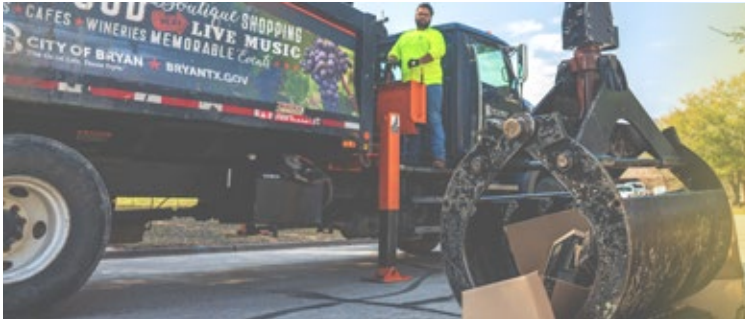
- Household hazardous waste and electronics
- Construction, remodeling, and demolition materials or debris
- Dirt, sod, concrete, brick or rock
- Hot ash or flammable materials



## TRASH CONTAINER

- Always bag and tie your trash to prevent litter and to keep your container clean.
- The arrows on your container lid should be facing the street when set out for collection.
- Do not pile extra garbage on or around your container.



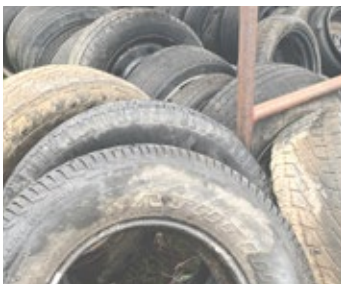


## BRUSH AND BULKY

- Brush is green waste from your lawn.
- Bulky items are anything too large for your trash container.
- Brush must be cut into sections no longer than 8 feet.
- Separate brush and bulky items into separate piles, and make sure it cannot be blown away causing litter in your neighborhood.
- Household garbage is for your container, not brush and bulky collection.

## READY TO GET RID OF YOUR LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE?

Remove all of the decorations along with stand and place it at the curb on your scheduled brush and bulky collection day. It will get collected for no additional charge.



## USED OIL AND TIRE RECYCLING CENTER

Bryan residents can properly dispose of used oil, filters, cooking grease, and tires free of charge. Materials generated from commercial or industrial use will not be accepted.

**Location:** 1111 Waco St.

**Hours:** Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m. – noon.

## HAVE A QUESTION OR AN ISSUE ABOUT A CITY SERVICE?

Utilize Help Bryan by calling 979.209.5900 or scan to fill out an online form:



## Twin Oaks HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & COMPUTER COLLECTION EVENT

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

The Twin Oaks Landfill, along with the cities of Bryan and College Station, offer a FREE collection event each April and October for residents to dispose of household hazardous waste for free.

Visit [TwinOaksLandfill.com/HHW](https://TwinOaksLandfill.com/HHW) for complete details.