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Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES

April 14, 2025

Renewal of a Primary Contract for Overhead Unit Services

The Board approved a renewal contract with MP Technologies, LLC for overhead unit services.

Renewal of a Secondary Contract for Overhead Unit Services

The Board approved a renewal contract with Southern Electric Corporation of Mississippi for overhead unit services.

Renewal of a Contract for Underground Utility Location Services

The Board approved a renewal contract with Private Solutions, LLC for underground utility location services.

Renewal of a Contract for Transmission Right-of-Way Projects

The Board approved a renewal contract with Martin Right of Way, Inc. for miscellaneous transmission projects.

Change of Board Meeting Date

The Board voted to change the July Board meeting date from July 14 to July 8, 2025 directly following a joint meeting between the BTU Board of Directors and the Bryan City Council.

Safety Award of Excellence

Mr. Randy Trimble, Executive Director of Energy Delivery, notified the Board that BTU received the Diamond Level Safety Award of Excellence from the American Public Power Association for 2024. This award underscores BTU's unwavering commitment to the safety of employees and the public.

BTU BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

KIOSKS

Locations accepting credit cards,
cash and checks:

HEB	1609 N. Texas Ave.
HEB	725 E. Villa Maria
BTU Drive-Through <i>Open 24 hours</i>	205 E. 28th St.
BTU Drive-Through <i>Open 24 hours</i>	2611 N. Earl Rudder Fwy

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

OVER THE PHONE

Payments can be made 24 hours
a day via the "e-payment" option
by calling 979.821.5700. Account
number and credit card required.

ONLINE

To register your account, view,
and/or pay your bill online, visit:

btutilities.com

BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

2611 N. Earl Rudder Fwy, Bryan, TX 77803

email: ContactBTU@btutilities.com

btutilities.com

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

BryanTexasUtilities



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WATT WATCHERS: SUMMER ENERGY DETECTIVES

CALLING ALL KIDS! YOUR MISSION:
Help your family save energy this summer.

When school's out and the sun is blazing, it's easy to forget how much electricity we use every day.

But guess what? YOU can be a Watt Watcher—a super energy saver who helps stop energy waste at home.

It's easy! Just keep an eye out for energy “leaks” and waste—kind of like a detective.

HERE ARE YOUR TOP SUMMER-SAVING TIPS:

Watt Watcher Rules:

1. Lights Out!

Always turn off lights when you leave a room—even if it's just for a minute.

2. Cool, Not Cold.

Don't touch the thermostat—ask an adult before changing it. Try using a fan or closing the blinds to cool down.

3. Game Over.

Power down your video games, TV, and tablets when you're done using them.

4. Fridge Patrol.

No standing with the fridge open—grab what you need and close it quickly!

5. Unplug it!

If you're not using it, unplug it—like phone chargers, speakers, or lamps.

DID YOU KNOW?

When you help save electricity, you're also helping your family save money and helping BTU keep power reliable for everyone in our community. That's a big job—and you're already doing it!

BTU thanks all our young Watt Watchers for helping us power a smarter, more energy-efficient Bryan. **Keep up the great work!**

DETECTIVE ACTIVITY: WATT WATCHER SCAVENGER HUNT

Grab a clipboard and walk around your house with a grown-up. See how many of these you can spot:

- ☐ Lights left on in an empty room
- ☐ TV or game console on with no one watching or playing
- ☐ Chargers plugged in but not charging anything
- ☐ Computer screen on but nobody using it
- ☐ Sunlight heating up a room with open blinds
- ☐ AC working hard with doors or windows open

Check off the ones you find—and fix them! Then give yourself a gold star for being an official Watt Watcher.

BONUS CHALLENGE: CREATE A “LIGHTS OUT” REMINDER

Make your own door sign that says “Turn Off the Lights!” and hang it on your bedroom or bathroom door. Decorate it with markers, stickers, or lightning bolts—anything that helps remind your family to save energy.



STORM SEASON READY



Summer in Texas doesn't just bring heat—it also brings the risk of thunderstorms, high winds, and even flash flooding. At Bryan Texas Utilities, we work year-round to ensure our electric system is strong, resilient, and ready to weather the storm. But even with the most reliable infrastructure, severe weather can sometimes cause outages. That's why it's important for every household to be prepared. Here's how you can protect your family and stay safe when storms roll in.

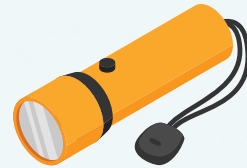


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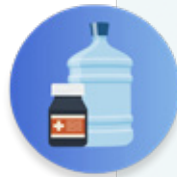
BEFORE THE STORM

Preparation is key. When forecasts call for storms, take steps to get your home and family ready:

- Charge your devices, including cell phones, battery packs, and medical equipment.
- Update your contact info with BTU so we can reach you with important outage notifications.



- Create an emergency kit with flashlights, extra batteries, nonperishable food, bottled water, medications, and a first-aid kit.
- Secure outdoor items like patio furniture, trash bins, and garden tools that could blow away in high winds.
- Know your safe place in case of tornadoes or extreme wind—a windowless interior room on the lowest floor of your home is best.





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DURING THE STORM

Stay alert and stay inside. Electrical safety is especially important during active weather:

- Avoid using corded electronics or appliances during lightning.
- Stay away from windows and doors and never go outside during lightning or heavy winds.



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- Don't touch downed power lines or anything in contact with them—call BTU or 911 to report them immediately.
- Turn off major appliances to prevent damage from possible lightning or power surges.

IF THE POWER GOES OUT

BTU's advanced metering and monitoring systems help us detect outages quickly, but here's what you can do while crews work to restore service:

- Keep fridge and freezer doors closed to preserve food. A closed fridge can keep food cold for about 4 hours; a full freezer, up to 48 hours.
- Use flashlights instead of candles to prevent fire hazards.
- Listen to local news or weather apps on a battery-powered radio or device for updates.
- Report outages by texting OUT to 979-821-5700 or online at btutilities.com

HOW BTU PREPARES

Our crews are on call 24/7 and ready to respond at a moment's notice. BTU invests in system upgrades, tree trimming, and emergency response training to keep power flowing—even during harsh weather.

Thanks to our smart meter technology, we often know about outages before customers do. That means faster diagnostics, targeted restoration, text updates, and more reliable service for you.

When storms happen, BTU is here for you—working around the clock to restore service safely and efficiently. Your preparation and patience help us serve you better. Together, we can weather any storm.

Grilling with a Side of ENERGY SMARTS

Keep your kitchen cool, your meals tasty, and your energy use low this summer

When the temperatures rise in Bryan, there's no better way to enjoy the season than by firing up the grill. Using your grill instead of your oven or stove is a great way to keep your home cooler and reduce the load on your air conditioner, which is one of the biggest energy users in your home. It is also social and fun! Gather the family outside, play games, and enjoy the breeze.



Energy-Saving Grilling Tips

- Prep indoors, cook out. Chop, season, and marinate in the cool of your kitchen, then take it outside.
- Grill in the evening to avoid peak heat hours.
- Cook multiple meals. Grill in batches to store leftovers for later.
- Use a meat thermometer. It saves fuel by preventing overcooking and ensures food safety.
- Grilling often means fewer dishes and less time spent in a hot kitchen.



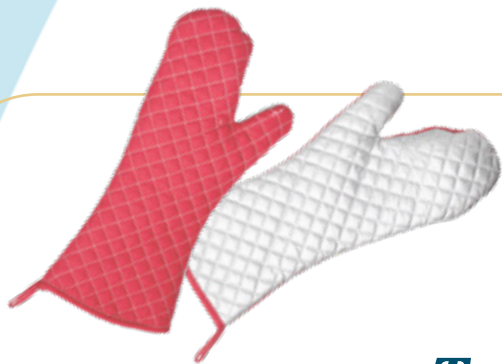
Clean grease buildup to avoid flare-ups.

Grilling Safety Reminders

- Always grill at least 10 feet away from your home, garage, or any overhang.
- Never leave the grill unattended, especially if children or pets are nearby.

Keep a fire extinguisher or water source nearby—just in case.





Try This: **BRAZOS VALLEY BBQ CHICKEN**

*Here's a simple, crowd-pleasing recipe
inspired by local flavors:*



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Ingredients:

- 4 bone-in chicken quarters
- 1/2 cup of your favorite Texas-style BBQ sauce
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Salt, pepper, and garlic powder to taste
- Optional: A squeeze of lime for extra zing

Instructions:

- Rub chicken with olive oil, salt, pepper, and garlic powder.
- Preheat grill to medium heat (about 350°F).
- Grill chicken skin-side down for 5–6 minutes, then flip.
- Baste with BBQ sauce and grill until internal temp reaches 165°F.
- Let rest for 5 minutes before serving. Enjoy with grilled corn or seasonal veggies!



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***From BTU to your backyard, here's to a
cool, delicious, and efficient summer!***

Help Prevent STORMWATER POLLUTION



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Here is how you can help to keep our waterways clean and healthy:

WASTE DISPOSAL

- Put cigarette butts in ash trays, never on the ground.
- Always bag trash and tie it closed before placing it in containers to prevent litter from being blown away.
- Use biodegradable, nontoxic, or recyclable products when possible.

Twin Oak Landfill's Collection Event



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- Do not throw hazardous household waste in the trash or pour it down drains. Dispose of it responsibly and for free during the Twin Oak Landfill's collection events every April and October.

For more information, visit
TwinOaksLandfill.com/HHW.

- Always pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it by bagging it and placing it in the trash.

The sanitary sewer system transports wastewater from homes and businesses to a treatment plant, where it undergoes physical, biological and disinfection processes before the treated water is released into local waterways.

In contrast, the storm sewer system carries rainwater directly to creeks, rivers and lakes without treatment. Stormwater pollution occurs when rainwater runs over streets, driveways, yards and other surfaces, picking up trash, oil, chemicals, fertilizers, pet waste and other pollutants. These contaminants are carried through storm drains directly into waterways, harming fish, wildlife and overall water quality.



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City of Bryan Stormwater Drains





LAWN AND GARDEN CARE

- Apply only the recommended amount of fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, etc. and do not apply on windy days or when rain is forecasted.
- Sweep up grass clippings and leaves. Use them as garden mulch or compost, rather than blowing them into the street or down storm drains.
- Choose native, drought-resistant plants and grasses that require less water and fertilizer.
- Use a broom to clean paved areas instead of hosing them down.
- Avoid overwatering your lawn by signing up to receive free Brazos Valley WaterSmart emails at **BVWaterSmart.tamu.edu** to get weekly watering recommendations week based on data from weather stations and rain gauges throughout the Brazos Valley.
- Regularly inspect your irrigation system for leaks and broken heads, and make sure you're not watering concrete.
- Use low-output sprinkler heads, bubblers, and drip irrigation to reduce runoff.
- Practice the cycle and soak method by watering in shorter intervals to allow the soil to absorb water more effectively.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash, since they are connected to the sanitary sewer system which conveys wash water to a wastewater treatment plant.
- If you do wash your vehicle at home, wash it on an unpaved surface, such as your lawn, and use environmentally-friendly soaps and cleaners labeled non-toxic, biodegradable, or phosphate-free.
- Work in an area with a concrete floor so that spills can be easily confined and cleaned up. Use tarps or drip pans, and clean up spills with absorbents like kitty litter or sawdust. Once the liquid is absorbed, sweep it up, put in a plastic garbage bag, and place in a trash container.
- City of Bryan residents can properly dispose of used oil, filters, cooking grease, and tires for free at the Used Oil and Tire Recycling Center, located at 1111 Waco St. Visit **bryantx.gov/recycling** to learn more.



To learn more about the City of Bryan's Stormwater Management Program, visit **bryantx.gov/stormwater**.

