



# JUNE 2016 CITY NEWSLETTER



## Energy Savings — COOLING TIPS

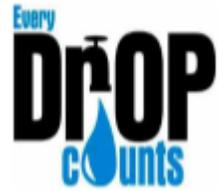
Operate your thermostat efficiently:

- Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.
- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home and 85 degrees or off when you are away.
- Using ceiling or room fans allows you to set the thermostat higher because the air movement will cool the room.

**Install window coverings** to prevent heat gain through your windows (such as blinds or shades)

**Turn off fans** when you leave the room—fans cool people not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.

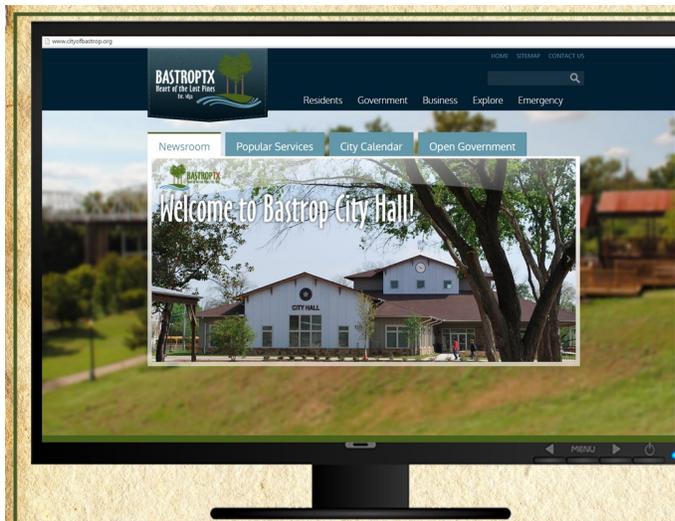
Here, there and  
everywhere:



- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth.
- **Showers use less water** than baths, as long as you keep an eye on how long you've been lathering up!
- **Inspect under sinks**—Look for pooling water leaking from pipe connections.
- **Inspect irrigation systems**—Look for broken or clogged spray heads. Adjust sprinkler heads to correct spray patterns and to avoid watering sidewalks or structures.



\*Average U.S. family per year



## NEW WEBSITE

The City of Bastrop has redesigned its website!  
Visit [www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org) for improved access to city services, departments, news and information, and more!  
Designed to be responsive to all screens/platforms, you can pay your utility bill, research city ordinances, and stay up to date with the City of Bastrop.

For more information: 512-332-8800

[www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org)

## DID YOU KNOW...

### **RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE SERVICE INCLUDES BRUSH & BULK PICK-UP!**

- ◆ **BRUSH & BULK PICK-UP** ARE SERVICED WEEKLY ALONG WITH REGULAR TRASH SERVICE- JUST PLACE YOUR ITEMS AT THE CURB ON THE SAME DAY AS YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY TRASH SERVICE. TRY TO KEEP THE BRUSH PILES AWAY FROM POWER AND COMMUNICATION LINES.

NOTE: IF IT'S JUST A FEW TWIGS, THROW THEM IN YOUR TRASH CAN.



## CITY OF BASTROP

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City Telephone Numbers:

City Hall	(512) 332-8800
Utilities	(512) 332-8830
BP&L	(512) 332-8900
Water Dept.	(512) 332-8960
Public Works	(512) 332-8920
Planning Dept	(512)332-8840
Police Dept.	(512) 332-8600
Fire Dept	(512) 332-8670
Municipal Court	(512) 332-8650
Library	(512) 332-8880
Convention Ctr.	(512) 332-8984
Main Street	(512) 332-8994
Human Resources	(512) 332-8812

Power Outages (512) 332-8830

We are on the Web:  
[www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org)

## CITY MANAGER'S CORNER

*Greetings!*

*We have a lot of helpful tips for you in this newsletter. Be aware and cautious to your weather and high temperatures as we enter the summer months.*

*We have a new website, providing lots of information and tips.*

*([www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org))*

*As always, I welcome your input.*

*Best summer wishes,*

*Mike*

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## BOIL WATER ADVISORY FAQ

### What is a Boil Water Advisory?

Advisories are issued when an event has occurred with the potential to adversely affect water quality, or a situation has occurred where there is known degradation of the water quality. There are two types: precautionary and mandatory.

### When is a Boil Water Advisory issued?

Advisories are Issued when the water system experiences a loss in positive water pressure, typically due to a serious main break or low storage tank levels. A loss of positive water pressure indicates the existence of conditions that could allow contamination to enter the distribution system.

Mandatory notices are issued when contamination is confirmed. Customers are instructed to boil the water to kill bacteria and other organisms in the water, until the issue is resolved and the notice can be lifted. Contamination from organisms, such as bacteria, viruses and parasites, can cause symptoms, including nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

After a break is repaired, the water system undergoes extensive bacteriological testing before the drinking water advisory is repealed

# Help us Notify you

### We want to keep you Informed!

Our **Phone Notification System** is used for multiple purposes; to inform customers of Past Due Balances, changes in billing, etc.

If you have changed phone number(s) since you have set your utility account, **please contact our office to update your contact information**



## Tornado Safety Tips

**M**ore tornadoes strike Texas than any other state. They can occur at any time of year, including winter, but are most frequent from mid-March through May. They are also common during hurricanes. To prepare for these violent storms, there are several precautions you can take.

Learn the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning. A Tornado Watch means watch the sky. A Tornado Warning means a tornado is on the ground and you must seek shelter immediately.

☛ If you are in **open country**, take cover in a low spot away from trees.

☛ **Interior room:** Seek shelter on the lowest floor of your home - bathroom, closet or room without windows. Cover yourself with a mattress or cushions.

☛ **Office building:** Seek shelter in an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.

☛ **Mobile home:** Get out and take shelter in a nearby building. If there are none, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

☛ **Never stay Inside a Car:** Get out and take shelter in a nearby building. If there are none, lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car.

☛ **At School:** follow plans and go to a designated shelter area, usually interior hallways on the lowest floor. Avoid auditoriums, gyms and areas with wide, free-span roofs.

☛ **Shopping center:** move towards the interior away from exterior glass walls.