



Green Living

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A City of Bryan monthly newsletter sharing how Our community is thinking, living, and being Green in Bryan

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Green Living Tip

Park in the Shade

During these hot months, try to park your vehicle in a shady spot, which decreases the amount of fuel lost to evaporation and requires less air-conditioning when you get back in. Gasoline evaporates rapidly, and even escapes from closed tanks. The process is sped up by high temperatures.

What does it mean to be "green" or "sustainable"?

The City of Bryan defines sustainability by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. A popular term for something being sustainable is "green".

The Green Life, Texas Style!



Hello and welcome to the first issue of "Green Living", a City of Bryan monthly newsletter sharing how our community is thinking, living and being "green" in Bryan. This monthly publication aims to educate Bryan citizens on current sustainability topics and how local residents, businesses and the City are taking part.

From upcoming community events to changes in policy, this newsletter will keep you "in the know" of all things sustainable. Please enjoy Green Living's debut and feel free to send any feedback you may have. We look forward to bringing you "green" and exciting news throughout the year.

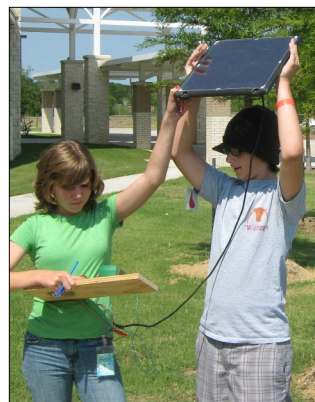
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Channel 16 TV Show Highlights Local Green Efforts

The Be Green in Bryan (BGIB) Program has teamed up with "Bryan Living and Learning", the City and BISD's bi-monthly TV show, to highlight a green story in every episode. BGIB TV will visit with residents, businesses and City staff to find out what they're doing to "be green" in Bryan.

Several episodes have already been released with topics including solar energy, the Greenhouse Bakery and wastewater.

Keep an eye out for the July 12th episode showcasing Camp Energy, a City sponsored energy efficiency summer camp.



(Students at Camp Energy test solar panels)

Watch BGIB TV anytime at: www.begreeninbryan.com

Channel 16 Schedule:

Monday-Noon & 6:30pm
Tuesday-Noon & 10:30pm
Wednesday-Noon & 6:30pm
Thursday-Noon & 10:30pm
Saturday-Noon & 6:30pm

The CW Schedule:
(SuddenLink Channel 8)
Sunday - 10:00am

Do you have a "green" story you would like to share on an episode of BGIB TV? Contact us!

What can I do?

Schedule a Water Quality presentation and find out easy ways to protect our local waterways through your everyday actions.

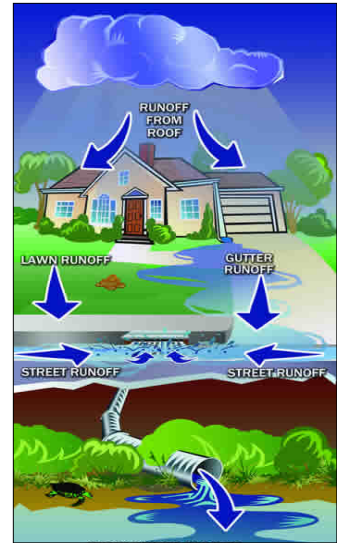
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Water Quality in YOUR Neighborhood

Did you know that over 44% of America's water bodies are considered "impaired" ? This means almost half of our lakes, rivers and streams are unfit for recreation or human consumption. But don't despair! There are EASY things YOU can do to help protect local waterways.

Schedule a **Water Quality** presentation for your next group meeting (HOA, church, scout, etc.) and learn that what goes down the storm drains in Bryan effect neighborhood and community water quality.

Free rain gauge for each participant!



FREE Hazardous Waste Collection



For a full list of items accepted, visit the BVSWMMA website at: www.cstx.gov/bvswma

This July, residents have a free and safe opportunity to properly dispose of their unwanted hazardous waste.

The bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste & Computer Collection event, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency (BVSWMMA), is open to residents in the Brazos Valley's seven county region. Residents may

dispose of a variety of waste products, including their unwanted paint, paint thinners, oil and oil filters, old computers, gasoline, CFL's and long fluorescent tubes.

Many don't realize that if carelessly managed and disposed of improperly, hazardous products like the above-mentioned can create environmental and public health concerns.

HHW Collection Event

JULY 11th

7a.m. to 2p.m.

3380 University Dr.
College Station, Texas
77840

Questions?

Call the Hazardous Waste Hotline at:

(979) 764-3809

Become a ...



Backyard composting is an easy way to divert valuable resources from entering the landfill and at the same time, gain a free and fantastic soil amendment.

If you've ever wanted to learn how to compost your food and yard waste, now is your chance!

The Brazos Valley Master Composting Training Program will be held in August 2009. Hosted by BVSWMMA, this 4 day course is designed to train committed individuals on the ins and outs of various

composting methods and how to use their knowledge to educate others.

There are opportunities for hands-on experience, lectures by guest speakers, instructional books and videos, and an overview of the latest composting tools and techniques.

DATES:

August 18, 19, 20, 2009
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

August 22nd
Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

COST: \$15

Sign up TODAY!

www.cstx.gov/bvswma