



NEWS FROM YOUR BPW

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Don't Be Shocked! **May is National Electrical Safety**

Here are some tips to help you stay safe around electricity:

Indoor Safety Tips

- Reduce your electrical load by using energy-efficient appliances and lighting.
- Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- Use an outlet cover or plastic outlet cap to keep children safe around outlets.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Test them monthly, change batteries yearly, and replace the unit every 10 years.



Outdoor Safety Tips

- Know what's below before you dig. Dial 8-1-1 to have your local electric or natural gas company representative mark the location of underground lines for free.
- Never touch downed power lines.
- Watch for overhead power lines every time you use a ladder, work on roofs and trees, or carry long tools or loads. Keep kites, model airplanes, and metallic balloons away from power lines.
- Do not overload outdoor electrical and/or extension cords or allow them to run through water or snow on the ground.



SUMMER RATES BEGIN

The Board of Public Works (BPW) would like to remind all customers that summer electric rates begin when meters are read June 1st. This is a normal yearly event we want our customers to be made aware of. If customers can conserve during the summer months, they will see the benefits of lower electric bills. Summer rates will remain until meters are read beginning October 1st, when winter rates will again go into effect.



Drinking Water Week may only be for one week, but it's an important time to appreciate all that it takes to ensure high quality drinking water is always there when you need it.



Help Keep Our Water Safe! Cross-Connections Can Contaminate Our Safe Water!

What is a "cross-connection"?

A cross-connection is a permanent or temporary piping arrangement which can allow your drinking water to be contaminated if a backflow condition occurs. A cross-connection occurs when a pipe designed to carry safe drinking water is connected at some point to unsafe water or other liquid material. You may not think of your home as susceptible to such hazards, but if you have a hose that is submerged in a pool, carwash bucket, bathtub or laundry sink, or if you have a pesticide sprayer connected to a garden hose, you've created a cross-connection. If a water main breaks, the potential exists for unsafe substances to be siphoned back into the water supply. This means that contaminated water in a pool, carwash bucket, laundry sink, or pesticide sprayer could be drawn into the water system. Once there, the contamination could affect many.

What is "backflow"?

It is just what it sounds like: the water is flowing in the opposite direction from its normal flow. With the direction of flow reversed, due to a change in pressure, backflow can allow contaminants to enter our drinking water system through cross-connections.

City of Auburn Annual Water Quality Report for January 1 to December 31, 2022

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts to provide safe drinking water.

Places to find this report:

- Auburn Board of Public Works Website
- Auburn Board of Public Works Office
- The Nemaha County Herald

For more information regarding this report or to request a copy, contact our office at 402-274-4981.



**Our office will be closed
Monday, May 29th
for Memorial Day**

Auburn High School and Johnson-Brock High School sophomores and seniors participated in the 2nd annual Reality Check at AHS on March 22nd. Students were assigned an occupation, family status and income. With that information, a monthly budget needed to be expended by going to various real-world booths such as home and auto purchases, insurance, and grocery store needs. Jessica Stanley and Kelly Stahl of BPW were present to discuss and explain utility services.

**Office Hours: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm M-F
Service Center Hours: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm M-F**