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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.

Electrical fun facts

- Electricity travels at the speed of light, more than 300,000km per second
- A spark of static electricity can measure up to 3,000 volts
- A bolt of lightning can measure up to 3 million volts and it lasts less than one second!
- AMAZING ELECTRONIC FACT: If you scuffed your feet long enough without touching anything, you would build up so many electrons that your finger would explode! But this is nothing to worry about, unless you have carpeting.

**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.



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.



**City of Auburn
Annual Water Quality Report
for January 1 to December 31, 2025**

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.

**Office Hours: 7:00 am to 4:00 pm M-F
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