



# NEWS FROM YOUR BPW

**Board of Public Works**  
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## It's a Toilet, Not a Trashcan!

Toilets are only meant for one activity, and you know what we're talking about! When the wrong item is flushed, the results can include costly backups on your own property or problems at your local wastewater treatment plant. That's why it's so important to treat toilets properly and flush only your personal contributions to the local wastewater treatment plant.

## Don't rush to flush any items like:

- Baby wipes and diapers
- Rags and towels
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Candy and other food wrappers
- Toys
- Cleaning sponges
- Hair
- Underwear
- Sanitary napkins



## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR FALL



- Get an HVAC inspection –your furnace needs to be in tip-top condition.
- Change your filters on forced air heating systems.
- Get your roof checked out.
- Open curtains and blinds to let sun in through your windows to help heat your home and shut them at night to retain heat.
- Inspect your home's outer walls, ceiling, windows, doors, and floors.
- Inspect your plumbing! There are few things worse than bursting pipes in the winter.
- Check or install weather stripping at doors.

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### FIRE HYDRANT TESTING IN OCTOBER

Look and listen for newspaper and radio broadcasts on specific dates for fire hydrant testing that will be done in October throughout Auburn.

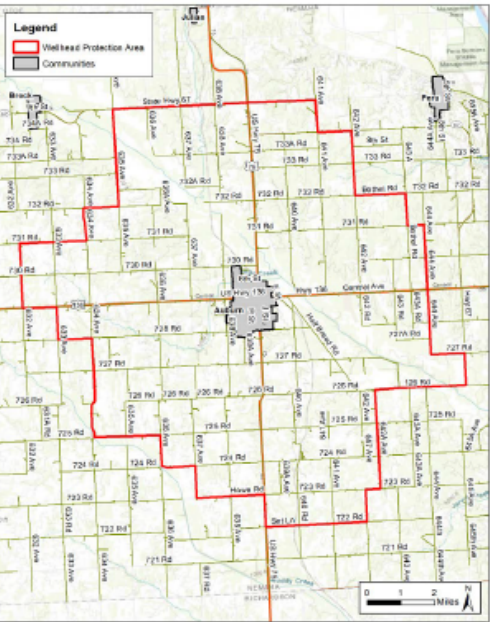
BPW will operate all 200 fire hydrants to make certain they are functional.

Customers may find temporary discoloration of their water during this period. The water does remain safe to drink, but you should run water clear before washing clothes.

# Auburn Drinking Water Protection Program Public Open House

The Auburn Board of Public Works will be hosting an open house to discuss its Drinking Water Protection Program. All members of the public are invited to attend to learn more about the project.

- The program focuses on actions to reduce nitrate pollution within the Wellhead Protection Area, outlined in red, which illustrates the area contributing to the aquifer where the city draws its drinking water.
- The project will provide funding to encourage upgrades to inadequate septic systems, decommissioning of abandoned wells, and agricultural conservation practices to reduce nutrient runoff and leaching.




**Date:**  
Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021

**Time:**  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.,  
presentation begins at 6:15 p.m.

**Location:**  
Auburn City Hall  
Council Chambers  
1101 J Street  
Auburn, NE 68305

*\*Food and drink will be provided at the event.*

Visit the project website by scanning the QR code at right with your phone camera.



For more information about this event or to submit a comment, contact:  
 Auburn Board of Public Works  
 402-274-4981

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**Happy Public Power Week!**  
 October 3-9, 2021

**What does “Public Power” mean?**  
 It means reliable, affordable, environmentally responsible electricity that helps build strong communities.



**First Day of Fall**  
**September 22, 2021**

**Office Hours: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm M-F**  
**Service Center Hours: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm M-F**  
**Closed the following dates: Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving break, Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon and Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> for Christmas break.**