



# INDEPENDENCE

## ★ UTILITIES ★

## Spring Cleaning and Projects



### Spring projects on your mind?

Now that it is officially spring, many of us are starting spring cleaning and making a list for household projects. In this month's Utilities Newsletter, we look at weatherization and repair programs available to Independence homeowners. We also share important information as we look at the

future of power generation for our community this spring.

Important dates for Independence Utilities Customers:

- Learn more about power generation and important decisions coming soon on April 20 at an [Open House and Town Hall](#). Open House begins at 6 PM, Town Hall begins at 6:30 PM. You will be able to watch live on the City's YouTube Channel at [indep.us/YouTube](https://indep.us/YouTube).
- The Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on April 2 from 9A-1P. Learn more and find regional dates at [indep.us/hhw](https://indep.us/hhw).
- The First Drop-off Depot of the season will occur on April 9 from 8A-3P. Find prices and what is accepted at [indep.us/dropoffdepot](https://indep.us/dropoffdepot).



## Weatherization & Energy Efficiency

Weatherizing your home can greatly improve energy efficiency, your health, and there is the potential for energy cost-savings. As the temperatures continue to warm up this spring into the summer, we highly encourage you to make weatherizing a part of your spring-cleaning routine. Here are a few suggestions to implement:

### Air Sealing

Minimizing the amount of air that leaks throughout your home is an efficient way to reduce heating and cooling costs. Consider using caulk or weatherizing strips around doors and windows. Weather stripping is ideal around doors and operable windows and caulk is most useful when applied around cracks near doors and window frames.

### Insulation

Insulation is key to reduce air leakage and wasted energy use. By ensuring your home has adequate insulation, it can help you save money and make your home more comfortable. Consider installing insulation in the following spaces: unfinished attic, attic access door, and exterior walls.

### Moisture Control

Mitigating moisture within your house can reduce the likelihood of mold growth, decrease the cost of heating and cooling, and increase energy efficiency.

Moisture problems can occur where portions of your home are below grade including a basement, crawlspace, or slab-on-grade foundation. The key is to reduce water coming into these spaces and focus on air sealing, insulation, and ventilation.

### Ventilation

Energy-efficiency can also be improved with good ventilation throughout your home. Ventilation can also help reduce structural damage and mold growth.

There are three types of ventilation to consider given your home including natural, spot, and whole-house ventilation.

Natural ventilation can be unpredictable since it allows uncontrolled air movement through cracks and small holes.

Spot ventilation improves the efficacy of your home's ventilation by eliminating indoor air pollution and moisture by using exhaust fans.

Whole-house ventilation utilizes fans and duct systems to supply fresh air to your home.

## Assistance Programs

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity is partnering with the City of Independence and Spire to provide two income-eligible programs focused on weatherization and home repair that are open to Independence residents who meet the eligibility qualifications.

### Independence Home Weatherization Program

The Independence Home Weatherization Program provides homeowners with services such as: caulking, water heater replacement, and air conditioner and furnace repair or replacement. Qualifying households must be customers of Spire and Independence Utilities, and income eligible.

# HOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM



**Need help weatherizing your home?**

**Contact Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity at 816-542-0569 or email: [Homes@Trumanhabitat.org](mailto:Homes@Trumanhabitat.org)**

## Independence Home Repair Program

The Independence Home Repair Program also provides the opportunity for Independence homeowners to receive assistance with home repairs including roof or HVACs repair or replacement, dangerous tree removal, and assistance with building or repairing ramps. Funding for the Independence Home Repair Program is made possible by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the City of Independence.

# INDEPENDENCE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM



**Want to know if you qualify and details about the program?**

**Contact Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity at 816-542-0569 or email: [Homes@Trumanhabitat.org](mailto:Homes@Trumanhabitat.org)**

## Understanding Independence's Power and Light

The City of Independence Power and Light Department manages the transmission and distribution grid for City of Independence Utilities customers.

It serves over 55,000 customers and maintains and operations 9 generating units, 14 major substations, and more than 650 miles of power lines.

The City is a member of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). The resources the pool provides are combined with our own assets to provide energy at the lowest available cost.

Independence utilizes a diverse mixture of owned and contracted resources with a variety of fuel sources to contribute our share to the Pool.

For additional information check out the following links:

**City of Independence Utilities -**

[indep.us/utilities](http://indep.us/utilities)

**Southwest Power Pool - [bit.ly/3sMG3jM](https://bit.ly/3sMG3jM)**



*What's next for power  
generation in Independence?*

## **Open House and Town Hall**

**Wednesday, April 20, 6-8 PM**

Truman Memorial Building  
Auditorium  
416 W. Maple Ave.

Open House begins at 6 PM

Town Hall begins at 6:30 PM

Participate in Town Hall live at [indep.us/YouTube](http://indep.us/YouTube)



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# Drop-off Depot

875 Vista Avenue 8AM-3PM 2nd Saturday April - October



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