



# INDEPENDENCE

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## Summer Energy Savings

As the heat of summer continues into August, it is important to keep in mind these energy saving tips to help save costs on your utility bill.

- Turn your thermostat up 7 to 10 degrees from your normal setting for eight hours a day. This can help you save as much as 10% a year on your utility bills.
  - Keep drapes and blinds closed and drawn. The amount of energy needed to cool your home will be considerably less.
  - Wash your clothes and use your dishwasher either early in the morning or late at night, avoiding the heat of the day.
  - Make sure you stay on top of caulking and weather-stripping to keep cool air in and avoid leaks.
  - Take shorter showers and verify the efficiency of your shower head to save costs on water.
  - Replace your air filter every 3 months.
  - Install an energy-efficient shower head.
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## Draining Your Swimming Pool

Any chemicals and items that goes into our storm drains flow into creeks or rivers without being treated first. Rain water washes chemicals, lawn debris, and other items into our waterways. It is important to avoid improperly draining swimming pools. Water from pools and spas should never enter the storm sewer system. Since the end of swimming pool season is in sight, be sure to keep these easy tips in mind to ensure you drain your swimming pool safely and help protect our waterways.

- Dechlorinate all of the pool water by either allowing the water to sit for 3-5 days without adding additional chlorine or other chemicals, or utilize a chemical dechlorinating additive.
- Test the chlorine level before discharging and ensure there is none.
- Ensure the pH level is between 6 and 9.
- Discharge pool water into the sanitary sewer using a cleanout or drain inside the home.
- Avoid flooding the area or other nuisance conditions on adjacent properties.
- Discharge slowly, avoiding erosion and ensure the discharged pool water is over a grassy area, allowing it to slowly soak into the ground.
- Dispose of the filter backwash into the sanitary sewer and not the storm drain.

For additional information about how to properly dispose of excess chlorine or other chemical check out [recyclespot.org](https://recyclespot.org) and for additional information related to pool maintenance and keeping our storm sewer system safe, reach out to the Municipal Services Department at (816) 325-7711.



## ADOPT A SIREN

### Do you live near an outdoor warning siren?

If so, you can help your community by "adopting" it and serving as a siren observer to ensure the sirens are working properly for an emergency.

## Adopt a Siren

Do you live near an outdoor warning siren? If so, you can help your community by "adopting" it and serving as a siren observer! It's critical for public safety that our outdoor warning system function as we expect it to during times of emergency. Even with all the technology and two-way communication, we still rely on human observation to ensure each outdoor warning siren is functioning properly. Independence has 33 outdoor warning sirens and they are tested the first Wednesday of each month, barring inclement weather. Sign up today! You will receive a brief video overview of what to look for and how to report any issues. Contact [jscofield@indepmo.org](mailto:jscofield@indepmo.org) for more information.



## Stay in the Know for Severe Weather

Sign up to receive text, email, and phone alerts from the City's Emergency Preparedness Division at [indep.us/weatheralerts](https://indep.us/weatheralerts)



## Staying Safe: Power Lines and Accidents

We want to pass along important information should you find yourself in an accident and a power line has fallen on your vehicle. Keep in mind the following,

If you're involved in an accident and a power line falls on your car...

- DO NOT exit your vehicle unless it catches on fire.
- Stay in your vehicle and call 911 immediately
- Do not leave your vehicle unless it becomes unsafe due to immediate hazards such as a fire
- Wait until a utility professional tells you it is safe to exit your car

If a power line has fallen on your car and it has caught fire...

- Fold your arms across your chest and without touching the sides of the car, jump as far away as you can, landing both feet on the ground
  - Do not touch the car for balance since it could be conducting electricity
  - Continue to hop away with your feet together or shuffle your feet in tiny steps, with your feet not leaving the ground. The separation of feet can result in two contact points with the ground and a shock if the ground is energized by a fallen wire
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# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, August 27th | 9 am - 1pm | Cash or Cards Accepted  
Cable Dahmer Arena | 19100 E Valley View Pkwy

## ITEMS ACCEPTED:

### Anything with a cord or battery including:

- CPUs, Towers, Laptops
- Keyboards, Mice, Accessories
- Monitors - LCD
- Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS)
- Cables and Peripherals
- Home Electronics
- Cameras
- VCRs, DVD Players
- CD Players, Stereo Equipment, Tape Players
- Remote Controls
- Phone System, Cell Phones
- Servers
- Networking Equipment
- Printers, Scanners, Copiers, Fax Machines

## ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Alkaline Batteries
- Smoke Detectors
- Tapes
- Light Bulbs/Tubes
- CDs, DVDs
- PCB Ballasts
- Software
- Toner Cartridges
- Thermometers
- Hazardous Materials

## ACCEPTED WITH FEE:

- True Big Screen/Projection TVs: \$30
- CRT TVs: \$30
- LED, LCD, or Plasma TVs: \$20
- CRT Monitors: \$5



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# Drop-off Depot

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



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