

## Backflow Preventer Inspection and Testing

State and local regulations **require inspection and testing** of backflow preventers on lawn sprinkler or irrigation systems connected to the municipal water system every year upon startup or when the backflow preventer is re-installed.

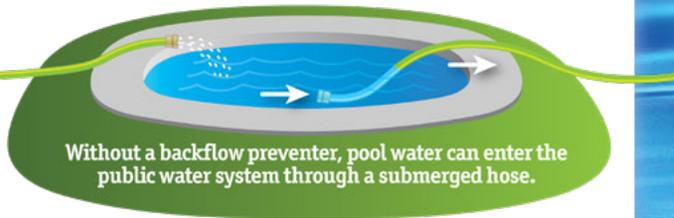
Backflow preventers may not be required on swimming pools that are filled from a water hose. However, filling a swimming pool **with the water hose submerged** could allow non-drinkable water into the public drinking water system. The correct way to fill a pool with a water hose is to **keep the hose above the waterline**, creating an air gap.



Keep hose above the waterline



Don't put hose into the pool water



Learn more about backflow testers by visiting the **Evansville Water and Sewer Utility Cross Connection Control Program** webpage at [www.ewsu.com/xcc](http://www.ewsu.com/xcc) or calling 812-436-7846.

## WATER QUALITY REPORT

To comply with state and federal regulations, the EWSU Filtration Plant issues an annual Quality Consumer Confidence Report describing the quality of your drinking water.

Visit [www.ewsu.com](http://www.ewsu.com) and click **Notices & Information** for Quality Control information.

## SUMMER 2020 HEAVY TRASH PICKUP

**Heavy Trash Pickup takes place from June 22 to August 28.**

This semi-annual curbside service is available to Evansville residents who pay for trash service with their water bill. Apartment complexes, mobile home communities and business/commercial customers are not eligible.

**Among the items that WILL be collected:** carpet, electronics and stereos, furniture, appliances, and limited construction or building material debris.

**Among the items that WILL NOT be collected:** privacy fences, automobile parts, batteries, tires, hazardous materials, computers or accessories, televisions, and yard waste.

The collection schedule, area maps, and a complete list of items that will and will not be picked up is available at:

[ewsu.com/HeavyTrashMap](http://ewsu.com/HeavyTrashMap)



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## Lawn Irrigation and Swimming Season Signals Time to Check Backflow Preventers

As the summer season approaches and people fill swimming pools and activate lawn sprinklers, there are some important things to know and do to protect our public drinking water.



**Backflow preventers** keep contaminants from infiltrating the public water system by stopping the reverse flow of non-drinkable water into drinkable water pipes.

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# Convenient Bill Pay Kiosk

**NEW!**

Pay your bill and maintain social distancing with the EWSU Bill Pay Kiosk located near the main entrance of the Civic Center.



Available around the clock, 7 days a week!



Using the kiosk is easy. Everything is conveniently labeled once you begin the payment process.

Accepts cash, check or credit cards.



## FREE Interactive Boil Advisory Map

Customers of the EWSU can see if their property is under a Precautionary Boil Advisory with a new, interactive, color-coded map that **displays the exact area included in an advisory**. The map can be accessed at [ewsu.com/BoilAdvisoryMap](https://www.ewsu.com/BoilAdvisoryMap) via your computer, smartphone and smart device.

Active Precautionary Boil Advisories, Lifted Precautionary Boil Advisories, advisory status and the date and time advisories are issued or lifted is also provided.

For more information, call **EWSU Customer Service** at **812-436-7846**.

*Active Precautionary Boil Advisory*



*Lifted Precautionary Boil Advisory*



## Temporary Disinfectant Change

From May 11 to June 22, 2020, the EWSU will temporarily change the disinfectant used in the water treatment process. The regularly used chloramine (a disinfectant used to remove bacteria and viruses from drinking water) will be replaced with free chlorine (a slightly stronger disinfectant used to remove more resistant bacteria and viruses). This brief change is **recommended by state guidelines** to deny bacteria the ability to form resistance to the usual disinfection process. Some customers may notice a mild chlorine taste and odor (like that of swimming pool water), which poses no health risk.

As always, the drinking water will be regularly monitored to ensure that it remains safe for people and animals for drinking, cooking, bathing, and all other common uses.

Most customers will not need to take any precautions as the water is treated according to state and federal standards. However, under certain circumstances, precautions may need to be taken. Learn more about these precautions by contacting the Utility at (812) 428-0568.

## CONSTRUCTION CORNER

### Greenway Trail Temporarily Closed

The south end of the Greenway trail along the downtown riverfront is temporarily closed for work on the Sunrise Pump Station and Cascade Outfall. The trail is scheduled to reopen in Spring 2021 when the pump station project is complete.

