



# The Power Source

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## Avoid Late Fees, Sign up for Auto Bill Pay!

Tired of late fees and worrying about getting your bill in on time? Trenton Municipal Utilities offers several ways to have your bills automatically paid each month.

Authorization Forms are available to have funds automatically withdrawn from your checking account each month. Upon completion of the form, TMU will automatically withdrawal the amount of your monthly bill on or around the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month. These forms can be attained by visiting our office at 1100 Main or by logging on to our website at [www.trentonmo.com](http://www.trentonmo.com). Click the Trenton Municipal tab and then go to "TMU Forms."

Customers are also able to pay by Visa or Master Card. You are welcome to call in each month with your card number and pay by phone, stop by our office with your card, or set it up so that the Visa/Master Card of your choice will be automatically charged each month for the amount of your TMU bill. If you choose to do Auto Bill Pay by Credit Card this too will take place on or around the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.

These services are free and we hope that you find them useful. For more information on Auto Bill Pay, contact the TMU office at 660-359-2281.

### Office Closings

Trenton Municipal Utilities and Trenton City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. For immediate emergency utility service, contact our after hours service at (660) 359-3211.

## PEAK ALERT INFORMATION

During the months of July and August Trenton Municipal Utilities will often experience periods of peak alerts on energy usage. High temperatures and humidity create a demand for more energy. It is important to follow peak alert notices and help conserve electricity during these critical times. Below is a checklist that includes some of the suggestions you will be asked to follow during a peak alert.

- Turn A/C thermostat up a few degrees
- Seal off unused areas of your house to reduce cooling these spaces
- Keep exterior doors closed as much as possible
- Turn off any lights that are not needed
- Cook outside on grills as much as possible to avoid heat radiated by ovens and stove tops
- Reduce temperature on water heater



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## Dig Smart!

With Summer in full swing many of us have projects at hand that involve excavating. Whether you are gardening, landscaping, fencing, plumbing or remodeling it is crucial to follow excavation guidelines. Excavation is described as; any operation in which earth, rock or other material in or on the ground is moved, removed or otherwise displaced by means of any tools, equipment or explosives. Before you begin excavation of any kind it is Missouri Law that you must first call Dig Rite and have all utility lines marked 2 days prior to date work will begin unless it is an emergency.

For more information on Missouri One Call, visit their web-site at [www.mocall.org](http://www.mocall.org).



Using the Missouri One Call System is easy. You contact Missouri One Call by dialing 1-800-DIG-RITE (1-800-344-7483). The operator will ask for specifics about the planned excavation. Once this information is processed by the computer, you will be given a list of member utilities that will be notified of your excavation. The computer then sends this locate request to all member utilities with facilities in your dig site area.

After the utility has been notified of the planned excavation, they will either:

1. Mark the approximate location of their underground lines;
2. Request additional information if necessary; or
3. Advise you if they have no facilities at your excavation site.



## Have a Safe & Happy Independence Day!

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a fun time to gather with friends and family to enjoy barbecues, swimming and mesmerizing firework shows! Unfortunately this holiday also creates a high risk for injuries. To help you lower that risk please practice the following safety tips:

- Never stand directly over fireworks when lighting and keep your face turned away from the explosives
- While setting off fireworks keep a safe distance from spectators
- Keep a water supply near in case fire should ignite
- Never hold any type of fireworks in your hand while lighting
- Read and follow instructions provided on each firework purchased.