



## BRAUN TANK

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**Note:** This newsletter was printed May 18. All information is current through that date. Please visit [bit.ly/COVID19GTX](https://bit.ly/COVID19GTX) for the latest information.

## CITY EVENTS

### Sertoma July 4 celebration

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City, as well as representatives from the Georgetown Sertoma Club, continue to meet to determine if the annual Independence Day celebration sponsored by the club will be held this year.

For updates on the event, visit [gtxsertoma.org](https://gtxsertoma.org).

## Current water utility projects

**Braun elevated water storage tank:** This 3-million-gallon water tower replaces an existing 750,000-gallon elevated tank on west Hwy. 29 at Santa Rita South. The new \$4.7 million tank came online this spring and serves growing areas west of Georgetown.

**Lake Water Treatment Plant expansion:** An \$8 million project to increase the intake capacity at Lake Georgetown and increase the treatment capacity at the Lake Water Treatment Plant is projected to be completed in 2023.

**Southwest Bypass waterline:** This \$1.8 million watermain will increase system capacity in the southwest area of the city and will provide interconnections that improve system resilience. The waterline is expected to be complete in summer 2021.

**New water treatment plant:** Design and permitting work is starting on plans for a new water treatment plant on the south shore of Lake Georgetown. The new plant, estimated to cost \$55 million, is projected to be complete in 2025-27.

For more information about the water utility, go to [water.georgetown.org](https://water.georgetown.org).

## BUILDING WATER SYSTEM CAPACITY

The City continues to address the water needs of our growing population with three overall strategies:

1. Securing access to raw water through contracts and exploring new water resources.
2. Promoting conservation to reduce peak demand in the summer and overall per capita use.
3. Building new treatment, distribution, and storage capacity when it is needed.



## 2020 Census — You can still respond

There's still time to be counted in the 2020 Census. The deadline has been extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The census count every 10 years affects funding for Georgetown's public resources (such as roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government.

Your personal information is confidential and cannot be shared with anyone, including government agencies or law enforcement. No citizenship questions. No online ID required. Go online to respond at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov). Or call **1-844-330-2020** to respond by phone.

## Fight the Bite

Georgetown residents can reduce their risk of contracting mosquito-borne illnesses by getting rid of standing water around houses and by using insect repellent. Here is a simple way to remember how to “Fight the Bite” using the 3-Ds of mosquito safety:

**DRAIN:** Drain standing water around your home (such as flower pots, pet dishes, and bird baths), so mosquitoes don’t have a place to breed.

**DRESS:** Dress in long sleeves and pants when outdoors (especially at dawn and dusk).

**DEFEND:** Use an Environmental Protection Agency-approved insect repellent.

Mosquito bites may cause illness. While most people may not feel sick, some cases of mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness or death. Children, people 65 and older, and those with certain health conditions may be at a higher risk of getting sick if they become infected. For more information about mosquito monitoring initiatives in Williamson County, contact the Williamson County and Cities Health District at **(512) 943-3620** or **wcchd.org**.



## Two-day-a-week watering schedule

The City has a year-round, two-day per week irrigation schedule. The two-day schedule spreads watering over six days each week in order to balance demand on the water system. Irrigation is not permitted on Mondays. Mondays are a maintenance and recovery day for the water system. Failure to follow this schedule may result in fines. For assistance call **(512) 930-3640** or email **customer@georgetown.org**.

For more information about the water utility, visit **gus.georgetown.org/water**.

WATERING SCHEDULE		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
ADDRESSES ENDING IN	1, 5, 9		Watering		Watering		Watering	
	2, 4, 6, 8			Watering			Watering	
	0, 3, 7				Watering	Watering		Watering

## Monitoring your electric and water use

Monitoring and managing your water and electric use can help prevent surprises on your bill. The City has free programs, such as Aqua Alerts and GUARD, to help you track and reduce how much water and electricity you use. Customers can also track their monthly use through the City’s utility billing software.

### AQUA ALERTS

Aqua Alerts sends you an automatic message when you use a certain amount of water during the month. You select when you want to be notified. For instance, if you set an alert for 10,000 gallons of water, you will receive an email when you reach that amount each month.

### GUARD

Georgetown Utility Analysis and Reporting Doorway, or GUARD, allows you to track your water and electric use daily.

For more information, visit **gus.georgetown.org**.

## Independence Day holiday

City offices are closed on Friday, July 3, in observation of the July 4 holiday. There is regular solid waste and recycling collection July 3.