



Selling a home? Make sure it's ECAD compliant.



The Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure (ECAD) ordinance requires home sellers to disclose home energy details to buyers during a real estate transaction. ECAD applies to homes 10 years old or older that fall within the Austin city limits and the Austin Energy service area.

Here's how you can comply with ECAD:

Option 1: Schedule a home energy audit with a qualified ECAD Energy

Professional before putting your house on the market.

Option 2: Participate in a qualifying Austin Energy program:

- » **Home Energy Savings (formerly Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®)** provides rebates to help customers make home energy improvements. Find out more at austinenergy.com/house.
 - » **Weatherization Assistance** offers free home energy improvements to qualifying customers. Visit austinenergy.com/weatherize for details.
 - » **Rebates and incentives** provide ECAD compliance for customers who complete three or more qualifying energy improvements or receive at least \$500 in energy rebates. Learn more at savings.austinenergy.com.
- To check the ECAD compliance status of your property, visit austinenergy.com/ecadstatus.

May is Building Safety Month

It's time for Building Safety Month, an international celebration of the importance of building safety in our community and how codes and building safety professionals help keep you safe. During May — and year-round — the Development Services Department (DSD) works with the community to ensure our structures are safe and sustainable as we build a better and safer Austin together. DSD has online tools at austintexas.gov/dsdtools that will guide you through the development process and inform you about what's happening in your neighborhood.

Throughout May, follow DSD at facebook.com/developmentatx, twitter.com/developmentatx and instagram.com/developmentatx to see what building safety is all about.

To keep up with all the latest development news, sign up for the monthly Building Connections newsletter at austintexas.gov/dsd-newsletter.



Clear out clutter with the Recycle and Reuse Drop-off Center

Do you have old batteries or broken appliances that are taking up space in your home? Clear out household clutter by dropping off these items at the Recycle and Reuse Drop-off Center. The center keeps hazardous materials out of the landfill and ensures that hard-to-recycle materials are disposed of properly. The center accepts many items including Styrofoam, cleaning products, electronics and much more. The Recycle and Reuse Drop-off Center is open by appointment only. Learn more about what items are accepted and schedule your appointment at austintexas.gov/dropoff.

Austin Water releases 2023 water quality report

For more than 100 years, Austin Water has been committed to providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water with a focus on sustainable and affordable services to our customers. State and federal regulations require Austin Water to provide an annual water quality report to customers. The 2023 report provides information about your drinking water including sources, water quality and treatment processes, as well as summarizes the data collected in the preceding year. You can find the report online at austinwater.org/waterquality or call **512-972-0155** to receive a copy by email or mail.



Sign up for wildfire notifications and warnings at

WarnCentralTexas.org

READY

Create a plan and prepare your family and your home.

SET

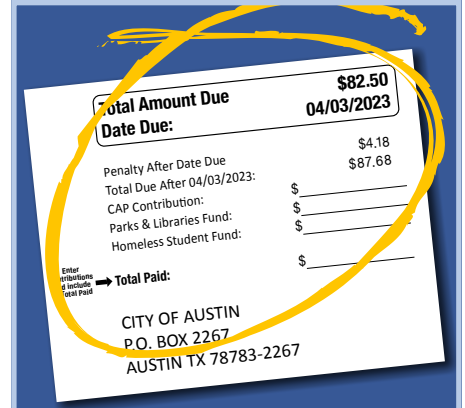
Stay aware by signing up for alerts, monitoring, and getting ready to evacuate if needed.

GO!

When wildfire hits, it's important to act early—and work together to evacuate safely.

Scan the QR code to learn more!

Austin Fire Wildfire Division | **HSEM** Homeland Security & Emergency Management



Ready, Set, Go!

Did you know Central Texas ranks sixth in the nation in number of homes at risk of wildfire? May is Wildfire Awareness Month, which makes now a great time to learn more about preventing wildfires from starting and spreading by familiarizing yourself with the Ready, Set, Go! program. Create a defensible space around your home and make a plan for when your home is threatened. Download the Wildfire Action Guide in English and Spanish at readycentraltexas.org today. You can also register to receive emergency alerts at warncentraltexas.org.

Spring rains could bring flooding

Austin is in the heart of Flash Flood Alley, and some of our biggest floods have happened in the spring. To stay safe during a flood, keep off the roads and away from creeks. If you must drive, watch for water over the road and Turn Around, Don't Drown. Driving isn't the only risk — thousands of homes in Austin are prone to flooding. If your home is at risk, consider purchasing flood insurance to protect yourself financially. Make a plan to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Get information at atxfloodsafety.com.



Utility bill contributions

You can help meet community needs by contributing through utility bill donations. There are three options to choose from:

- » **CAP Contribution** — supports customers struggling with utility bills.
- » **Parks and Libraries Fund** — helps maintain the high quality of services parks and libraries provide.
- » **Homeless Student Fund** — helps to provide stable educational access to area school district students experiencing unstable living conditions.

All of these options help improve the area's quality of life and livability. You can donate to any of the funds on your paper utility bill or when you pay your bill online through the City of Austin Online Customer Care portal at coautilities.com.

Para obtener una copia en español de esta publicación, visite coautilities.com/go/utilitynews.

Customer Service Phone: 512-494-9400

24-Hour Power Outage Reporting: 512-322-9100 | 24-Hour Emergency Water Service: 512-972-1000

East Austin Utility Customer Service Center (Walk-in Center): 2800 Webberville Rd.

North Austin Utility Customer Service Center (Walk-in Center): 8716 Research Blvd., Ste. 115

South Austin Utility Customer Service Center (Walk-in Center): 1901 W. William Cannon Drive, Ste. 100

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