

### BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTING REQUIRED IN 2026

If you have an irrigation system connected to the City's public water supply, it's time to have your backflow device tested! Backflow prevention devices protect the drinking water system by preventing contaminants, such as fertilizers and pesticides, from flowing back into the public distribution system. Maintaining these devices in proper working condition is mandatory and helps safeguard water quality for the entire community.

The Bel Aire City code requires all backflow prevention devices to be tested by a certified technician licensed to conduct business in Bel Aire every even-numbered year.

**Test reports must be submitted to the City by June 1, 2026.** If a backflow prevention device fails testing, it must be rebuilt or replaced. **Rebuilds are only required when a device fails inspection.**



As the June 1 deadline approaches, contractor availability may be limited. Residents are encouraged to contact a contractor and schedule the required backflow test in advance. For a current list of licensed contractors and additional information, please visit [belaireks.gov/Backflow](http://belaireks.gov/Backflow) or scan the QR code.

If you have permanently disconnected and capped your irrigation and wish to waive future testing requirements, contact City Hall at 316-744-2451 to schedule an inspection.

### WINTER AVERAGE CONSUMPTION REMINDER

As February comes to an end, new Winter Average Consumption (WAC) rates will be calculated and will appear on April utility statements. This updated rate will be effective from April through March of the following year.

For all residential and commercial utility customers, sewer rates are based on WAC. Water usage is tracked from November through February, and the three months with the lowest usage during this period are averaged to establish the new rate.

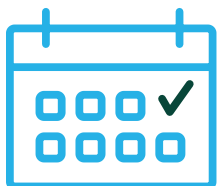


**WAC IS AN AVERAGE OF YOUR THREE LOWEST WATER USAGE MONTHS  
BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY.**

If you experienced a water leak between November and February, or have questions about your new WAC, contact the Utility Department at [ubclerk@belaireks.gov](mailto:ubclerk@belaireks.gov) or call (316) 744-2451 ext. 132.

### 2026 COMMUNITY EVENT DATES

As we continue to welcome 2026, it's time to look ahead to the fun and beneficial annual events our community looks forward to and relies on each year. Be sure to mark your calendars for these favorites:



- March 28 | Spring Festival
- April 23-25 | City-Wide Garage Sale Weekend
- May 2 | Shred & E-Recycling Day
- May 16 | Spring Curbside Clean-Up Day
- May 23 | Pool Opening Day
- October 3 | Fall Curbside Clean-Up Day
- October 17 | Fall Festival
- December 5 | Christmas in Bel Aire

For the latest information on all City-related activities, be sure to **check the community calendar at [belaireks.gov/calendar](https://belaireks.gov/calendar)**.

### 2026 SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camp back again for 2026 at the Bel Aire Recreation Center! The program is state-licensed and designed to provide a safe, structured summer while school is out. Registration opens March 2 and will be available online at [belaireks.gov/RecRegistration](https://belaireks.gov/RecRegistration) or in-person. Space is limited and typically fills up fast, so early registration is encouraged.



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### CALLING ALL UMPIRES!

Love the game? Want the best seat in the house? We're looking for Umpires to join our team! If you or someone you know is interested, contact Zack Hardwick at 316-744-2700 ext. 302

### SPRING FESTIVAL MARCH 28 | 1-3 PM

Mark your calendars for this year's Spring Festival on March 28 from 1-3 p.m. at the Bel Aire Recreation Center (5251 E 48th St N). For more information, follow the Rec Center on Facebook at [facebook.com/BelAireRec](https://facebook.com/BelAireRec).

### TO REGISTER FOR SPORTS

Visit [belaireks.gov/RecRegistration](https://belaireks.gov/RecRegistration).

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