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## **New Braunfels Utilities to Host Operation MedSafe and Community Shred Day on Saturday, April 27, 2018**

(New Braunfels, TX – April 22, 2019) – This Saturday, April 27, 2019, New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) will host two community events at one location. Operation MedSafe, and Community Shred Day will take place at the Headwaters at the Comal, located at 333 East Klingemann Street from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

New Braunfels Utilities, in partnership with New Braunfels Police Department, will host **Operation MedSafe**, a program that allows New Braunfels residents to drop off expired and unused prescription medications, and over-the-counter pills, tablets, and liquids. Residents can safely dispose of their medications at this event rather than flushing them or pouring them down the drain, where they could potentially contaminate the water supply. All pills and tablets, (both prescription and over-the-counter) will be accepted as well as capsules, patches, liquids, and powders left in their original containers. New Braunfels Police Officers will be on site to take possession of the medications and ensure they are properly disposed.

**Community Shred Day**, taking place at the same site, at the same time, allows residents the opportunity to have their confidential information securely shredded in an environmentally friendly manner. Materials are taken to a facility for recycling. Up to two copy paper-sized boxes are FREE; additional boxes can be shredded for \$5 each, with proceeds going to help support the NBU Utility Bill Assistance Program.

“Both Operation MedSafe and Community Shred Day offer the opportunity to be good stewards of our environment,” said Melissa Krause, executive director of communications and external affairs for New Braunfels Utilities. “Last year, Operation MedSafe took in nearly 1,000 pounds of medications, which stayed out of our community’s water sources and landfills. Community Shred Day took in approximately 22 tons of paper, which was recycled, saving nearly 400 trees. We encourage residents to take a self-guided tour while they are at the Headwaters at the Comal and see the remarkable transformation that has taken place to enhance environmental efforts. Admissions to the grounds will be free of charge to those dropping off their recycling and medications.”

To learn more about these events, visit [nbutexas.com](http://nbutexas.com) or call 830.629.8454.

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**About New Braunfels Utilities:**

Dedicated to excellence in service, New Braunfels Utilities is one of 2,000 community-owned, not-for profit public power electric utilities in the nation. The mission of New Braunfels Utilities is to enhance the quality of our community by providing innovative, essential services. Governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of local residents appointed by the New Braunfels City Council, New Braunfels Utilities is committed to being a recognized and trusted community partner, providing electric, water, and waste water services. Utility revenues are continually invested back into the systems of the customers, which benefits the community. New Braunfels Utilities makes an annual transfer to the City of New Braunfels, which in turn helps to pay for services such as fire, police, and parks. Follow NBU on Facebook at [facebook.com/newbraunfelsutilities](https://facebook.com/newbraunfelsutilities), on Twitter at @nbutility, and to learn more visit [nbutexas.com](http://nbutexas.com).

