

CITY OF DAYTON UTILITY SAFETY



Keeping Your Pet Safe

Every day our meter readers and service technicians enter customer's yards to read water and electric meters or pump septic tanks, as well as to perform routine maintenance. This routine part of their job can become dangerous when pet owners leave their dogs loose. Even the most friendly dog can become aggressive when protecting their owners and their home. That is why City of Dayton requests that you securely confine your dog in an area that safely separates your pet from our employees on meter reading days and during service calls to your home. Please provide us with a safe path to the water and electric meters and septic tank and do not secure your dog to the meter or in the meter or septic tank area. Please contact our office with any concerns you may have or to provide our office with information regarding your pet.

Identifying City of Dayton Personnel

City of Dayton Utilities personnel carry department issued I.D. badges, which can be shown upon request. You should never let anyone enter your home/property without official City of Dayton identification. Our service trucks have decals on the doors with the City seal and department or department logo.

City of Dayton Utilities employees in the field are not authorized to accept payments, and should never ask for payment or any type of gratuity.

Meter Access

Our meter readers read your water and electric meters every month. However, in order to read your meter, they must first be able to get to it. Dogs, locked gates, overgrown shrubs, and other obstacles can keep our meter readers from reading your meter. Please remove bushes, plants, and shrubs so the meter can be visually inspected and properly maintained for safe operation. If you have a security measure in force, such as a locked gate, you will need to make the necessary arrangements with the City of Dayton so that the Superintendent, or his designee, will be permitted to enter without delay for the purposes of performing specific responsibilities. Do not build a deck over your meter or any other type structure. Please work with us to create a safe and accessible environment for everyone.



Move Over Law

The next time you see a utility department vehicle working on the side of the road – slow down and give it room. Our workers will appreciate your effort, and Tennessee law requires it. Tennessee's Move Over Law was expanded in 2011 to include utility vehicles. Motorist approaching a utility vehicle with flashing lights are required to move over (if it is safe to do so) or reduce speed. For the safety of our personnel, please follow these simple rules: slow down in construction areas, change lanes or move over when possible, watch for workers, and follow the instructions on the posted construction signs.