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## Texas.gov Makes Texans' Lives Easier

*No Need to Let "To Do" Lists Interfere with Summer Fun*

AUSTIN, Texas – July 12, 2016 – Whether you are preparing for a vacation or just taking care of routine errands, [Texas.gov](http://Texas.gov) is a great resource to help make your summertime plans a breeze. The state's official website offers a gateway to plenty of helpful information about Texas and access to more than 1,000 simple, convenient, and secure online services. Here are just a few ways you can take advantage of what Texas.gov has to offer:

- **Driving** – Whether you're just driving around town or planning a road trip to a great Texas travel destination, make sure your documents are in order. Head to [Texas.gov/Driver](http://Texas.gov/Driver) to renew your [driver license](#) and, following a successful inspection, you can renew your [vehicle registration](#) online as well.
- **Boating, Camping and Fishing** – Before you enjoy Texas' many beautiful lakes or rivers, take care of your boat registration renewal [online](#). You can also make a [camping reservation](#) at one of the state's 50 plus parks. And if fishing is on the itinerary, get your license [here](#).
- **Preparing for School** – Even though school is several weeks away, start your preparation early. If your student needs a birth certificate for school registration purposes, you can order one from the state's [online vital records application](#).

In addition to the services mentioned above, Texans can always use Texas.gov to [pay CHIP enrollment fees](#), [purchase TDCJ commissary items](#), [order and print personal driver records](#), and [much more](#).

**Consumer Alert:** In order to safely take care of your government business online, beware of unofficial, look-alike websites operated by private organizations that may charge unnecessary fees for services or information. Instead, make sure you are using the state's official website,

<http://www.texas.gov>, or an official state agency website to complete your online transaction. To access an official website, enter the URL in the address bar at the top of your Internet browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, etc.) instead of entering the address in a search engine bar (e.g. Google, Bing, Yahoo, etc.). Also, look for the .gov or .state.tx.us extension which will be present in the URLs of all official Texas state government websites.

### **About Texas.gov**

Texas.gov is the official website of the State of Texas ([www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov)) and is a collaborative public/private partnership managed by the [Department of Information Resources \(DIR\)](#). [Texas.gov](#) helps state and local government entities web-enable their services and operates without tax funds through a partnership between the state and [Texas NICUSA, LLC](#) (Texas NIC). Texas NIC builds, operates, maintains, and markets Texas.gov and is part of digital government firm NIC's family of companies. Since its launch in 2000, Texas.gov has securely processed more than 288 million financial transactions and collected more than \$33 billion on behalf of participating entities.

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