



Big Public Utilities Bash – Costume Contest Guidelines

- Date: Thursday, October 10, 2025
- Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- Location: Main Stage, Big Public Utilities Bash BPUB Admin Headquarters

About the Big Public Utilities Bash

The Big Public Utilities Bash is BPUB's annual family-friendly community celebration in Brownsville. All are invited to enjoy free activities, interactive exhibits, and an evening of fun aimed at bringing our community together. This year, the event features a special Costume Contest for students to highlight their creativity and energy.

Costume Contest Details

The contest is open to all students. Participants will be grouped and judged in the following categories:

- Elementary School (Grades K–5)
- Middle School (Grades 6–8)
- High School (Grades 9–12)

Prizes

Winners in each category will receive prizes and BPUB swag.

How to Enter

- Participation is free.
- Register in person at the contest booth by the main stage from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Contestants must be present for their group's parade and judging.
- Limited spots are available; early registration is recommended.

Contest Rules

- All costumes must be family friendly. Inappropriate, violent, or offensive costumes will not be allowed.
- Only safe props permitted. No real or realistic weapons, sharp objects, or dangerous items.



- Contestants are required to stay near the stage at their scheduled times for introductions and judging.
- Parent or guardian must accompany children under 13.
- Participants may only enter once and in the appropriate age group.
- BPUB officials reserve the right to disqualify any entry for rule violations or unsafe/inappropriate behavior.

Judging Process

Judging will be based on audience response—popular applause and cheering determines the winner in each group measured by a sound decibel meter.

The event MC will introduce all contestants. After the parade, the audience will be asked to help pick winners by making noise for their favorites. BPUB officials will monitor the level of crowd response and announce the winners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each age group.

All decisions are final.