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Be Wary of Scammers >>>

Scammers are targeting BPU and other local utilities customers. Con artists are calling BPU customers with demands for immediate payment of a past due electric bill or the power will be disconnected within the hour if no payment is made. Various directions are given for payment – prepaid money cards from Walgreen’s or CVS, electronic funds transfer through a “MoneyPak” payment system, routing and check numbers from your bank account or credit/debit card numbers.

As a reminder to our customers:

1. You should never give your personal information to strangers.
2. BPU never demands payment over the phone. To be in disconnect status you would have received a delinquent and disconnect notice. Not just a random phone call.

Business & Repair Office Hours

7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Business: 829-8726

Repair: 829-2193

**Emergency 24 hour
water or electric service:**

218-829-2193

EMAIL@BPU.ORG WWW.BPU.ORG

NOTICE:

All electrical work performed in the City of Brainerd requires a **“Request for Electrical Inspection”** form to be filed, and work inspected by our inspector. Please call **825-3210 or 829-2193** for more information.

BEFORE DIGGING:

Call Gopher State One at **1-800-252-1166** for water and electric locations.

All requests for locations must be made by calling the above toll free number at least 48 hours before digging begins

Keep FATS, OILS & GREASE Out of Our Sewers >>>

- Fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.) resulting from food preparation can build up in sewer pipes and cause costly blockages and backups and sewage overflows to private and public property.



You can help fight F.O.G. Sources of F.O.G. include:

- Gravy, sauces and soups
- Cooking oil, butter, shortening, lard and margarine
- Milk, cream, sour cream and mayonnaise
- Food scraps
- Oil from cooked meats

Tips to keep your drains fat-free:



- Pour fats, oils and grease into a container and store in the freezer, then put in the trash after it has hardened
- Use paper towels to wipe greasy dishes before washing
- Use sink strainers to catch food waste when washing





2014 Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Program

Brainerd Public Utilities makes bulb recycling as easy as a trip to your local hardware store. And, we'll even help pay the recycling fee. Here's how it works:

- Take your used bulbs*, and one coupon per bulb, to:

Batteries Plus
923 Washington Street

OR

Brainerd Ace Hardware
214 West Washington Street.

- Each coupon gives you 50 cents off the recycling fee for each qualifying bulb you recycle.
- During 2014, Brainerd Public Utilities will redeem up to 10 coupons per household or a small business that is a BPU customer.



Bulb Recycling Is Good For The Environment, And It's The Law

Used fluorescent and high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps require special care because they contain a small amount of mercury. Because mercury is harmful to the environment, Minnesota law prohibits the disposal of fluorescent bulbs in household garbage.

Although fluorescent bulbs may require special care after they've burned out, they'll last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs, and they use 75 percent less energy. With today's improved lighting technology, you can get the same warm quality of light as regular bulbs.

Buy them. Use them.



Don't put them in the trash.



*Circular fluorescent tubes, U-bend fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, high-intensity discharge lamps, fluorescent tubes up to eight feet in length.

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