

# BRAINERD PUBLIC UTILITIES

## @ Your Service

March 2016  
Vol: 28, No: 03

Electricity—Water—Wastewater—Electricity—Water—Wastewater—Electricity—Water—Wastewater—Electricity—Water—Wastewater—Electricity—

### Business & Repair

#### Office Hours

7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

#### Business Number:

829-8726

#### Repair Number:

829-2193

**Emergency 24 hour  
service 365 days**

**a year:**

218-829-2193

EMAIL@BPU.ORG

WWW.BPU.ORG



### Facebook:

Brainerd Public Utilities

### Call *Gopher State One*

at 1-800-252-1166 for  
water & electric locations  
before digging.

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

All Electrical Work  
performed in the City of  
Brainerd requires a  
"Request for Electrical  
Inspection" form to be  
filed with the **State of  
Minnesota**.

# BRAINERD SOLAR POWER HOUR

Solar Power Your Home, Business, or Farm.

APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

## SOLAR POWER HOUR<sup>SM</sup>

THIS FREE ONE-HOUR SEMINAR WILL EDUCATE  
HOMEOWNERS, SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS,  
AND FARMERS ON THE BENEFITS OF SOLAR  
ENERGY. SOLAR POWER HAS NEVER BEEN  
MORE AFFORDABLE OR EASIER TO INSTALL.  
THIS SEMINAR WILL HELP YOU NAVIGATE THE  
PROCESS OF GOING SOLAR AND HELP YOU  
UNDERSTAND ALL OPTIONS.

### HERE'S WHAT WE'LL COVER:

- Basics of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system
- Market trends
- Step-by-step process to determine if solar is right for you
- Environmental and Economic benefits
- Meet with the highest quality local solar installers

APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 PM

**NORTHLAND ARBORETUM**  
14250 CONSERVATION DR | BAXTER, MN 56425

WWW.GROWSOLAR.ORG

FREE  
&  
OPEN  
TO THE  
PUBLIC!



## Sewers and Paper Products

Reminder from City Of  
Brainerd  
Engineer's Office)

### Paper Products:

Paper towels, disposable  
diapers, flushable wet wipes,  
and feminine products cause  
many problems in the  
property owner's service as  
well as in the City main.

These products do not  
deteriorate quickly. They  
become lodged in portions  
of the service and main,  
causing sewer backups.  
These products should be  
disposed of in the garbage.

**Did you  
know?**

Average indoor water use  
in a typical single-family  
home is  
**70 gallons per person  
per day**

## BRAINERD PUBLIC UTILITIES

POLICY 2008-15 Adopted 12/30/08

### NON-SUFFICIENT FUND CHECKS AND ACH PAYMENTS

If a check made payable to Brainerd Public Utilities (BPU) is returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF) or the account has been closed, or if a customer has their utility bill paid by ACH, and notification is sent for non-sufficient funds or the account has been closed, the following procedures will take place.

- BPU will send a notice, by regular mail, to the check issuer when a check or ACH is returned for NSF from a financial institution. The notice shall contain language of MN Statute 609.535 pertaining to issuance of dishonored checks.
- Restitution has to be made within five (5) business days and must be paid by money order or cash. There will also be an additional \$30 service charge. There are no arrangements allowed when a NSF check is received.
- If restitution is not made within the required time, the electric service will be disconnected at the service address where the check was issued. Before the service will be reconnected, the NSF check, \$30 service charge, entire balance of account, a deposit, if one has not been previously paid, and a reconnect fee will have to be paid.
- If more than two (2) checks or ACHs are returned to BPU within a twelve (12) month period, all future utility payments will have to be paid by money order or cash. However, if a customer signs up for the automatic bill payment plan in lieu of paying the required utility deposit, and an ACH or recurring credit card is returned to BPU within the first twelve (12) months of service, the customer will automatically be taken off bank pay and will have to pay the required utility deposit, along with the other required charges.

## 2016 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:

### Brainerd Ace Hardware ►

214 West Washington Street

### Brainerd Batteries Plus ►

923 Washington Street

- Each coupon gives you 50 cents off the recycling fee for each qualifying bulb you recycle.
- During 2016, 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, & 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.

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

 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>	 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>
 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>	 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>
 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>	 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>
 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>	 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>
 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>	 <p><b>Brainerd Public Utilities</b></p> <p><b>50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State <u>Minnesota</u> Zip _____</p> <p><small>Coupon expires 12/31/16. Limit one coupon per bulb. Coupon valid only when completed.</small></p>