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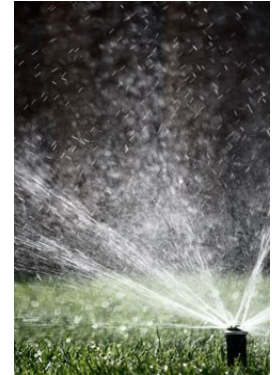
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SUMMER SPRINKLING CREDIT >>>

Summer is coming and for all our residential customers who like to keep their lawns lush and green, and their gardens plentiful, BPU summer sprinkling rates will soon be in effect.

The sprinkling rate will begin after your meters have been read in May. This credit is applied to your sewer charges (waste treatment and waste collection) on the bills you receive in June, July, August, & September.

For the above months, your sewer charges will be billed on the monthly average water consumption of your bill from November, December & January.



SECURITY LIGHTING >>>

BPU offers a security lighting program. Security lighting illuminates possible safety hazards to make your property safe at night, and protects your home or business by discouraging vandalism, theft, and burglary.

Security lighting is available to residential, commercial, and industrial customers. BPU installs the pole and maintains the security light.

This service is offered for a monthly fee of \$12.00 plus tax per security light. Call us today to sign up for this program at 829-2193.

WATER MAIN EMERGENCY >>>

In March, a fluorescent colored postcard was mailed out regarding the water main emergency. During this water main emergency, residential customers, please continue to run cold water at least a pencil size continuously from one sink until APRIL 30 or until notified by BPU. Even with warming weather, the risk of frozen service lines could continue for several weeks and/or months.

For further information check our website. WWW.BPU.ORG. It will also be posted on the website when to stop running your water, and in the Brainerd Dispatch.

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

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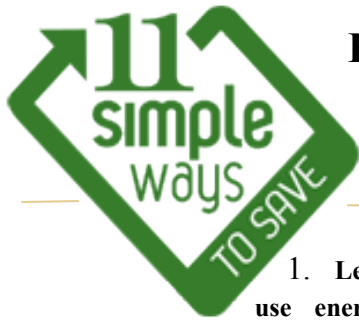
NOTICE:

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



Every Unit of Energy You Save is One Less You Pay for.

One change, one choice is all it takes.

Check out the tips below for saving energy in your home.

1. **Learn more about how you use energy in your home.** You can complete a FREE Home Energy Report at www.mnpower.com/EnergyConservation/EnergySavingTools and develop a customized action plan for achieving your energy-saving goals.
2. **Replace furnace filters monthly.** This will improve the efficiency of your furnace, extend its life, and reduce dust in your home.
3. **Clean refrigerator & freezer coils.** For refrigerators, on a bi-annual basis and more often if you have animals. For freezers, more often if stored in dusty areas. You can also clean the coils on your window air conditioner and dehumidifier. Take the next step and replace your old freezer or refrigerator with a new Energy Star qualified model.
4. **Turn down the temperature in the winter and turn it up in the summer.** As a rule of thumb, for each one degree reduction in temperature in the winter you can save 2% or more on your heating and for each degree you raise the temperature in the summer, you can save 3% or more on cooling. You may consider installing a programmable thermostat.
5. **Wash your clothes in cold water as much as possible—and only full loads.** About 90% of the energy used is spent heating the water.
6. **Install energy and water-saving showerheads and aerators.**
7. **Plug air leaks in your home.** Inexpensive foam strips and caulking can cut your heating and cooling loss by 10–25%.
8. **Turn off lights when not needed** and take the next step by installing energy-efficient Energy Star qualified light bulbs and fixtures. Lighting represents up to 10% of a typical home's energy usage.
9. **When not in use, turn it off—or better yet, unplug it.** Televisions, chargers, computers, and other plug-in devices that are simply turned off can still use as much as half the energy they do when they're turned on.
10. **Have your furnace tuned up annually.**
11. **Get rid of that second refrigerator or freezer.** The second refrigerator or freezer in your garage or basement can cost you several hundred dollars over its life.

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We accept appliances, cabinets, furniture, building materials, lighting and more! All donations are **tax deductible!**

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