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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

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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, and work inspected by our inspector.

Please call **825-3210** or **829-2193** for more information.

Did you know?

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

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.

Four Tips to Help Conserve Water Outdoors

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean the driveway.
- Use a rain sensor to regulate the sprinkling system.
- Use a shut-off nozzle.
- Only water when needed.

Leaks, Holes in Plumbing and Drips ▶

Check your faucets at home -- do any of them drip? Well, maybe it's just a small drip -- how much water can a little drip waste?

True, a single drip won't waste much water. But think about each faucet in your home dripping a little bit all day long.

The drips add up in wasted water and added costs. Check out the chart and see how many gallons are lost by just a drip. Also look around your house for holes in your plumbing lines, outdoor faucets, hoses, and valves.

Hole in plumbing

1/4" hole	3/16" hole	1/8" hole	1/16" hole
393,833 gallons	222,000 gallons	132,000 gallons	24,833 gallons

Dripping Faucet

30 drops / minute	60 drops / minute	120 drops / minute	.5" drip	1.5" drip
54 gallons	113 gallons	237 gallons	1014 gallons	2202 gallons

*Over a one month period at 60psi

Four Tips to Help Conserve Water Indoors

- Turn off faucet while brushing teeth.
- Take shorter showers.
- Fix leaks in faucets, showerheads and toilets.
- Only wash full loads.

NIP That SHOWER DRIP

A showerhead leaking 10 drips per minute wastes enough water in a year to run the dishwasher 60 times.

Wise Water Tips ▶



If you have a heavy leak in your toilet, it's easy to diagnose—the faint sound of the toilet tank constantly replenishing is a dead give away. What about a slow leak? Diagnose it with food coloring.

1. Carefully remove the tank lid and lay it flat on the floor to prevent it from falling or breaking.
2. Check the water level in the tank.
3. Add food coloring (or dye tablet available at BPU) to the toilet tank.
4. If the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.



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 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.

Donate Your Stuff.

Help Us Build Homes. Change Lives Together.

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

100% of the profits from the ReStore support Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity. Your ReStore is located at 1110 Wright Street in Brainerd, across from the Armory. Come shop, donate, reuse and celebrate with us!

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