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WATER EFFICIENT LAWN WATERING PRACTICES

Summer lawn watering creates large demands on local water utilities. These water efficient lawn watering practices can help maintain a beautiful yard and conserve valuable water supplies.

General Information

- Adjust sprinklers to water only grass areas and not impervious surfaces such as streets, driveways and walkways.
- Mow grass to a height of 2 to 3 inches. Taller grass shades the roots and soil surface, which helps reduce the amount of water that is lost to evaporation.
- Use sprinklers that spray low large drops vs. high fine ones.
- Use shut off nozzles on hoses and repair leaky hoses and fittings.

When To Water

- About one inch of water per week (including precipitation) is adequate for maintaining a healthy lawn.
- Don't use a fixed schedule for lawn watering. Apply water only when it is needed. Over watering can promote diseases and affect the health of the lawn.
- A simple test for determining if grass needs water is to walk on the lawn and if you leave foot prints, it may be time to water the lawn.
- A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day. Allowing the soil to dry between watering will allow the roots to grow to greater depths and help make turf more drought tolerant.

Best Times For Lawn Watering

- Water during the cool part of the day to minimize water lost to evaporation. Early morning hours (4 a.m. to 8 a.m.) are the best, and the peak water consumption hours (4 p.m. to 9 p.m.) should be avoided.
- Avoid watering during midday hours when it is hot and sunny to prevent scalding the turf.
- Watering at night is not recommended because the lawn stays wet for a long period of time which can promote diseases and affect the health of your lawn.

May is National Electrical Safety Month

Learn to recognize and eliminate potential electrical hazards that can exist in common areas of your home with these simple safety tips

- Make sure entertainment centers and computer equipment have plenty of space around them for ventilation.
- Use extension cords as a temporary solution, and never as a permanent power supply. Examine extension cords before each use. Replace cracked or damaged cords immediately.
- Do not place extension cords in high traffic areas, under carpets, or across walkways, where they pose a potential tripping hazard.
- Use a surge protector to protect your computer and other electronic equipment from damage caused by voltage changes.
- Heavy reliance on power strips is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have additional outlets installed by a qualified, licensed electrician.



If you are moving, please notify our office at 825-3200 at least a day in advance to have your meters read for your final bill. Please have your forwarding address ready to give to us. Also, if you are selling your property, we need the new owner's name when you call in to final your account.

BPU requires an application for service to be filled out if you are beginning service with us or transferring service in our service area. The application is on our website at www.bpu.org. We can also mail the application to you. We will not read the meters until we have received the completed application.

B **EFORE 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.

Business & Repair Office Hours
 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Business: 829-8726
Repair: 829-2193
Emergency 24 hour service 365 days a year:
 218-829-2193
 EMAIL@BPU.ORG WWW.BPU.ORG

N **OTICE:** 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.

City of Brainerd Seeks Your Ideas

What is your vision of the City of Brainerd in the next 10 years? That is one of 5 questions on a short citizen survey prepared by the Brainerd Planning Department. Until the end of June the survey can be filled out by accessing a link on the City website home page www.ci.brainerd.mn.us. Paper copies of the survey are at the Public Library, Senior Center and at City Hall. PLEASE take a few minutes to fill one out and help us look to the future.



Watt's Weather

Total Precipitation

April 2012 3.95"

April 2011 2.21"

Average Temperatures

April 2012 Hi 57 Lo 31

April 2011 Hi 51 Lo 30

Direct Payment

We are pleased to offer you the **Direct Payment Plan** for utility payments. With this plan your utility bill payment can be made automatically from your checking account, savings account, Visa or MasterCard.

The Direct Payment Plan will help you in several ways:

1. Saves time – fewer checks to write.
2. No late payments. Your payment is always on time, even if you're on vacation or out of town, helping to maintain good credit.
3. Saves postage.
4. Easy to sign up for, easy to cancel.
5. No late payment charges.

Here's how the Direct Payment Plan works:

1. You will continue to receive your monthly bill each month, allowing you to review the charges.
2. Your payment will be automatically deducted on the due date of your bill.
3. Payments can be made from your checking account, savings account, Visa or MasterCard.

To take advantage of this service, complete the bottom of this form and return it to Brainerd Public Utilities, PO Box 373, Brainerd, MN 56401.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT

I authorize Brainerd Public Utilities and the financial institution named below to make automatic payments from the account I have specified on this authorization form. I understand that this authority is to remain in effect until cancelled in writing by myself, Brainerd Public Utilities, or the financial institution designated. If utilizing direct payment from a checking account I have attached a voided check showing my account number and routing transit/ABA number.

Brainerd Public Utility Account number as it appears on my utility bill _____

Customer's Name _____ Phone # _____

Customer's Address _____

Account type: Checking[] Savings[] Visa[] Master Card[]

Bank Account # _____ Routing Transit/ABA # _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration date: _____ Security code: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Contact Kara at Brainerd Public Utilities with any questions: PO Box 373, Brainerd, MN 56401, or 218-825-3201.

WRITTEN 30 DAY NOTICE NEEDED TO BE TAKEN OFF BANK DRAFT PAYMENT