



BRAINERD PUBLIC UTILITIES @ Your Service

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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

EMAIL@BPU.ORG

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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.



Tree Trimming & Shrubs by Transformers

Tree trimming requests will be put on a list to be done during the winter months. Trees that interfere with Brainerd Public Utilities' (BPU) power lines, with the exception of service wires to residences or buildings, will be trimmed or removed depending on the circumstances.



Under Pruning



Through Pruning



Side Pruning

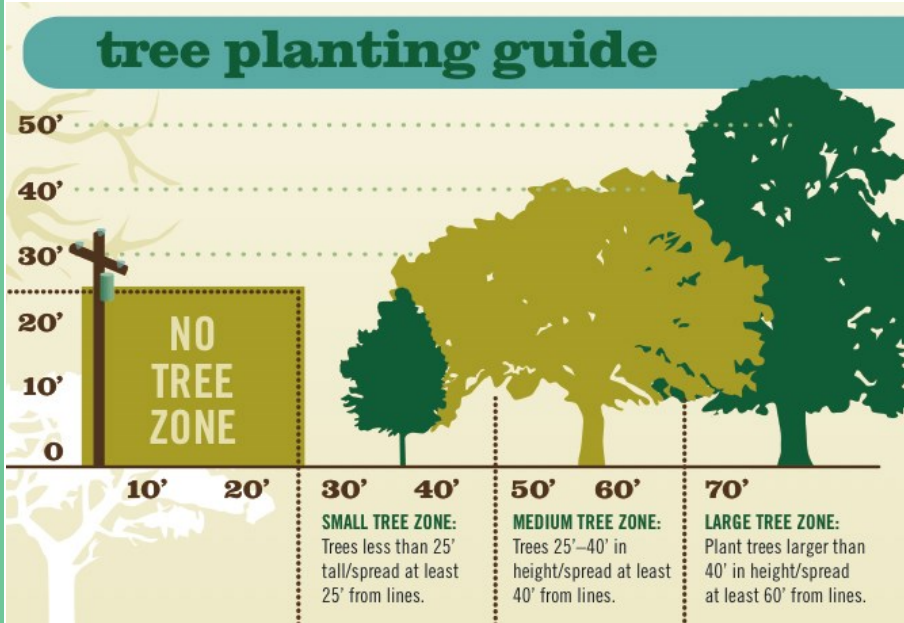
Trimming or removal of trees on private property is the property owner's responsibility. BPU will temporarily remove and replace the property owner's service wires to accommodate the tree trimming or removal during normal business hours.

BPU requires 24 hours notification to temporarily remove the service wires.

If you would like to be put on the winter tree trimming list, Please call the repair office, at (218) 829-2193.

In addition, please keep shrubs and structures 12 feet from all sides of transformers, junction boxes, and/or any BPU Utility box. We need room to work safely on these devices.

Obstructions may be damaged or removed during service restoration or maintenance and will not be replaced.



Join the Brainerd Community Survey Panel

The City of Brainerd is partnering with Qualtrics, a Provo, Utah based private research software company to implement a community based survey program. The purpose of which is to obtain your feedback in real time about important issues affecting the City of Brainerd. The information can be used as part of a City Comprehensive Plan update.

A core part of the survey program is creating what is called a Community Survey Panel consisting of Brainerd residents, however non-residents are welcome to be members too. Citizens who volunteer are asked to participate in up to 12 surveys over 12 months about issues important to the City of Brainerd.

Often the City Council only hears from the same people who voice their opinions. Partnering with Qualtrics will provide an opportunity for all citizens to voice their opinion. We will be able to track survey responses and provide the City Council with up to date community feedback on important issues. The more people opting in, the more real data with which the city will have to work. We are seeking 300 Community Survey Panel members.

To become a member of the Community Survey Panel, visit the City of Brainerd website at www.ci.brainerd.mn.us. The Community Survey Panel member names are completely confidential as are any individual opinions expressed in the surveys. If you have any questions about the survey and/or the Community Survey Panel please contact Brainerd City Planner Mark Ostgarden mostgarden@ci.brainerd.mn.us or call him at 218-454-3409. For more information about what Qualtrics is doing to improve state and local government across the country, visit www.qualtrics.com/government.

How Much Does It Cost to Operate Your Electrical Appliances ▼

* Based on \$0.0736 per kilowatt - hour

Appliances	Average kWhs Monthly	Approximate Cost *
Freezer (Frost Free)	150	\$11.04
Freezer (Standard)	100	\$ 7.35
Microwave Oven (approx. 1200 watts per hour / 30 min per day)	19	\$1.40
Clothes Dryer	125	\$9.20
DVR (approx. 51 watts per hour / 24 hours a day)	40	\$2.94
Automatic Washer	15	\$1.10
Water Heater (Family of 4)	500	\$36.80
LCD/LED 22" TV (approx. 30 watts per hour / approx. 5 hours per day)	5	\$0.37
Blender	1	\$0.07
Coffee Maker	10	\$0.74
Dishwasher	100	\$7.36
Toaster	3	\$0.22
Garbage Disposal	2	\$0.15
Game Console (approx. 90 watts per hour / 3 hours per day)	10	\$0.74
Electric Blanket	15	\$1.10
Cell Phone (charging 3 hours per day x 2 phones)	2	\$0.15
Hair Dryer (1500 watts per hour / approx. 10 minutes a day)	10	\$0.74
Humidifier	30	\$2.21
Dehumidifier	200	\$14.72
Electric Range	150	\$11.04
Refrigerator (Frost Free)	200	\$14.72
Space Heater (approx. 1500 watts per hour/ 8 hours per day)	370	\$27.23

Energy Use Calculator ▼

Energy Use Calculator provides free energy usage calculators to find the electricity consumption of your devices. Go to <http://energyusecalculator.com/index.htm> to find out how much energy your devices are using and how much they are costing you.

A standard dehumidifier uses about the same amount of energy as a refrigerator and clothes washer combined!

Keep FATS, OILS & GREASE out of our SEWERS ▼

Fats, oils, and grease resulting from food preparation can build up in the sewer pipes and cause costly blockage and backups and sewage overflows to private and public property.

Tips to keep 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.