



Watt's News

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How Much Does It Cost To Operate Your Electrical Appliances?

Appliances	Average kWhs Monthly	Approximate Cost
Freezer (Frost Free)	150	\$8.55
Freezer (Standard)	100	\$5.70
Microwave Oven	20	\$1.14
Clothes Dryer	125	\$7.13
Iron	12	\$0.68
Automatic Washer	15	\$0.86
Water Heater (Family of 4)	500	\$28.50
Electric Frying Pan	20	\$1.14
Blender	1	\$0.06
Coffee Maker	10	\$0.57
Dishwasher	100	\$5.70
Toaster	3	\$0.17
Garbage Disposal	2	\$0.11
Television Set	80	\$4.56
Electric Blanket	15	\$0.86
Waterbed Heater	90	\$5.13
Hair Dryer	10	\$0.57
Humidifier	30	\$1.71
Dehumidifier	200	\$11.40
Electric Range	150	\$8.55
Refrigerator (Frost Free)	200	\$11.40
Refrigerator (Standard)	150	\$8.55



Watt's Weather

Total Precipitation

January 2007 1.73"

January 2006 2.08"

Average Temperatures

January 2007 Hi 24.42 Lo 5.78

January 2006 Hi 32 Lo 17

Loving people live in a loving world.
Hostile people live in a
hostile world. Same world.

Wayne Dyer

To determine your own operating costs, you must first define the number of kilowatt hours used. Multiply the watts found on the appliance by the number of hours used and divide by 1000.

$$\text{kWh} = \frac{\text{Watts} \times \text{hours}}{1000}$$

Then multiply the kilowatt hours by the average cost per kilowatt-hour (.0575)

kWh X Cost per kWh = Operating cost

Business Office Hours 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
218-829-8726

Repair/Service Operations Office Hours 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
218-829-2193

Emergency 24 hour service 365 days a year
218-829-2193

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Supporting our Troops Overseas

The Brainerd Community Service Committee is preparing to send another shipment of packages to our local troops who are stationed overseas and who are registered with the Brainerd Family Readiness Group. Items that are being collected are:

Breath mints
Gum
Individually packaged cookies
Candy
Cereal bars, granola bars
Rice Krispy Treats, Pop Tarts
Snack items—Chex Mix, Gardetto's,
Trail mix, cashews, peanuts
Applesauce & pudding
Fruit cups
Microwave popcorn
Microwave meals
Socks (crew or tube)
DVDs/CDs
Board games
Card games
Books/magazines/newspapers
Hackie sack
Nerf football etc



Drop off locations: Brainerd City Hall, Brainerd Public Utilities, Brainerd Fire Station, Brainerd Parks and Recreation and Brainerd Police Department. Please have donations dropped off by **March 30, 2007**.

Please know that our Brainerd National Guardsmen truly appreciate these packages from home and how very much we appreciate your support!

Brainerd Public has a
new BPU Commissioner.
Please join us in
welcoming **Don Samuelson**
to our BPU Commission Board!

Don Samuelson	829-4898
Donald Sievek	829-4867
Donald Stang	829-9292
William Wroolie	829-5421
Frank Asplund	829-9737

The City of Brainerd had an
Employee Blood Drive
on January 17, 2007
at Brainerd Public Utilities.

It was a success with 37 sign ups,
16 first time donors and a total of 30 pints given!



NOTICE: All electrical work performed in the City of Brainerd requires a "Request for Electrical Inspection" form to be completed, filed, and work inspected by our inspector. If you need the form or have any questions, please contact BPU at **825-3210** or **829-2193**.

BEFORE DIGGING: Call Gopher State One Call 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.