

Watt's News

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Moving

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. Also, please have your forwarding address ready to give to us.

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.

How Important is Recycling?

How long do you think items will last in a landfill? Do they disappear/disintegrate/degrade immediately? Or will they continue to take up space in the landfill?

Below are results of what scientists' approximations are:

- banana -- 3 to 4 weeks
- paper bag -- 1 month
- cotton rag -- 5 months
- cigarette butt -- 2 to 5 years
- leather boot -- 40 to 50 years
- tin can (soup or vegetable can) -- 80 to 100 years
- aluminum can (soda pop can) -- 200 to 500 years
- plastic jug -- 1 million years
- Styrofoam cup -- unknown? forever?
- glass bottle -- unknown? forever?

<http://www.education-world.com>

Brainerd Public Utilities Commissioners

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

Watt's Weather

Total Precipitation

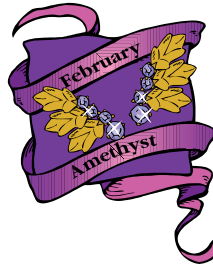
January 2008 .79"

January 2007 1.73"

Average Temperatures

January 2008 Hi 19.67 Lo -4.60

January 2007 Hi 24.42 Lo 5.78



ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

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

Annual Stormwater Public Meeting Notice

The City of Brainerd will hold its annual stormwater public meeting on March 3, 2008. The public meeting will held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled council meeting which begins at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public meeting is a requirement of the MS4 permit the City obtained in June of 2007. At the meeting there will a short presentation on the MS4 permit requirements, the City of Brainerd's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and how the City has began implementing the Best Management Practices (BMP's) outlined in the SWPPP. There will also be a discussion on the importance of stormwater management. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions or give comments concerning the SWPPP or implementation procedures. If you have any questions regarding the stormwater meeting or comments on the MS4 permit or the SWPPP, please call the Engineering Department at 828-2309 or email stormwater@ci.brainerd.mn.us

Beginning March 1, 2008, new rates for electric, water, and wastewater will go into effect. The rates will be reflected on your April billing. Following is a table comparing the current rates with the new rates.



Class	Current Electric Rates			New Electric Rates		
	Monthly Charge	All kWh	All kW	Monthly Charge	All kWh	All kW
Residential	9.00	0.0504	-	10.00	0.0549	-
General Service (GS)	15.00	0.0508	-	17.00	0.0554	-
GS EI—Heat	15.00	0.0483	-	17.00	0.0526	-
GS—Demand	25.00	0.0273	9.00	28.00	0.0298	10.50
*LLP—Secondary	100.00	0.0205	12.00	109.00	0.0223	14.00
*LLP—Distribution	100.00	0.0200	11.50	109.00	0.0218	13.50
Industrial	100.00	0.0168	11.25	109.00	0.0184	13.25
Dual Fuel	-	0.0350	-	-	0.0382	-
Off Peak Energy	-	0.0300	-	-	0.0327	-

* Large Light & Power



**Monthly Charge
(By Meter Size)**

	Water Rates		Wastewater Rates	
	Current	New	Current	New
5/8 & 3/4 Inch	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.50	\$ 6.50	\$ 9.50
1 Inch	26.00	28.00	8.00	12.50
1 1/2 Inch	41.00	43.00	11.50	17.50
2 Inch	71.00	75.00	14.50	22.00
3 Inch	123.00	130.00	20.50	31.00
4 Inch	205.00	215.00	25.50	39.00
6 Inch	351.00	355.00	36.00	55.00
8 Inch	702.00	710.00	45.50	70.00
All Meters			5.00	7.00

Commodity Charge

(Per 1,000 Gallons)	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.55	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.10
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Note: The proposed monthly charges also need to include the \$0.53 Minnesota Department of Health charge to accommodate the mandatory State charge that has been placed on each water meter in the State since July 1, 1992. Water and wastewater treatment customers outside the City limits will be charged 200 percent of the applicable rate

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.