

# Watt's News

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## Meter Readers

Brainerd Public Utilities has two meter readers that read over 6,000 residential and commercial electric and water meters each month. For accurate billing it's important for our readers to have access to the utility meter(s) each month. Here are some ways you can help.

- We encourage customers to unlock gates (or provide a key). If you change locks, please provide us with a new key.
- Pen dogs and other pets on your scheduled reading dates.
- Remove any obstacles blocking the meter; keep shrubs trimmed and remove any other items that may block the view of the meter(s).

Your meter(s) will be estimated if the meter readers feel unsafe conditions exist or if a property is locked and BPU does not have a key. They will leave a door hanger if they are unable to get an actual reading.

Your help makes our meter readers' job easier and helps ensure the accuracy of their readings.

### Returned Check Fee Has Increased

As of July 1, 2007, the fee for returned checks has increased from \$20 to \$30.

## Watt's Weather

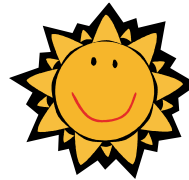
### Total Precipitation

June 2007 2.47"  
June 2006 1.85"

### Average

### Temperatures

June 2007 Hi 80 Lo 54  
June 2006 Hi 80 Lo 51



### 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

[EMAIL@BPU.ORG](mailto:EMAIL@BPU.ORG)

[WWW.BPU.ORG](http://WWW.BPU.ORG)

## Wastewater Collection

Each month on your utility bill, you are charged a wastewater collection charge. This charge is added to your bill on behalf of the City of Brainerd to help cover the City's wastewater collection costs. You are charged \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons of water that you use each month. If you have any questions regarding this charge, please call the City Engineer's Office at 828-2309.

## NOTICE:

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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.

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