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HOME OWNERS FREEZE PROTECTION TIPS FOR WATER PIPES AND METERS

The following anti-freeze tips can help you avoid the inconvenience, damage, and expense created by frozen water pipes and water meters. Make sure all outside faucets are drained and shut off. Seal cracks in walls, doors, and windows; keep basement and garage doors and windows closed all through the winter. Insulate pipes and meters in or on outside walls and in uninsulated cabinets or enclosures where room heat cannot circulate.

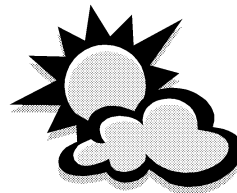
Should a water pipe freeze, never thaw it with an open flame, you may start a fire! Use hot air from a hair dryer or a heat tape. Also have everyone familiar with the location of the water shut off valve so you can turn it off quickly if the need arises. Remember, preventing winter freeze-ups is easier and less costly than repairing the damage caused by them.

TREE TRIMMING



Trees that interfere with Brainerd Public Utilities primary (main) power lines, with the exception of service wires to residences or buildings, will be trimmed or removed depending on the circumstances. Trimming or removal of trees on private property is the property owner's responsibility. Brainerd Public Utilities will temporarily remove and replace the service wires to accommodate the trimming or removal during normal business hours. Brainerd Public Utilities requires a 24 hour notification to temporarily remove the service wires.

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 Brainerd Public Utilities at 825-3210 or 829-2193.



Watt's Weather

Total Precipitation

October 2005	4.12"
October 2004	4.10"

Average Temperatures

October 2005	Hi 59	Lo 35
October 2004	Hi 56	Lo 37

TROUBLE WITH WINTER UTILITY BILLS?

We will work with you to set up a payment schedule if you fall behind or are unable to make payment in full. Call 825-3223 to get the help you need. The following agencies may also be able to help you pay your utility bill:

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE..829-5000
CROW WING COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES.....824-1250
SALVATION ARMY.....829-1120



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.

Business Office Hours 7:00 - 3:30, 829-8726
Repair/Service Operations Office Hours 7:00 - 3:30, 829-2193
Emergency 24 hour service 365 days a year, 829-2193
EMAIL@BPU.ORG OR WWW.BPU.ORG



HeatShare

COLD *Warm*
HANDS *Hearts.*



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Some of your neighbors
Will be cold this winter



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS WHO CARE BY GIVING TO HEATSHARE.

When you give to HeatShare, you are helping warm the lives of the elderly, disabled and others who have nowhere else to turn. HeatShare is a last resort for many who have no other resources available to see them through the winter.

HearShare is a voluntary program administered by The Salvation Army. It helps the needy survive our long winter by providing funds for heating bills and heating related repairs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HEATSHARE?

- Senior Citizens 55 years of age or older with low, fixed incomes and no alternate source of help.
- Disabled persons whose physical capabilities or a health problem limit their ability to maintain income to cover energy bills adequately.
- Persons who have had an unexpected emergency within the last 12 months and as a result of the emergency cannot pay energy costs.
- Persons who meet income guidelines and have received or applied for all other possible public funds.

WHO SUPPORTS HEATSHARE?

Your neighbors, your friends, people in big cities, people in small towns and business all help with HeatShare.

You can help too, by sending a tax deductible contribution with the form provided below. HeatShare is one way a small amount can help in a big way.

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YES! I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO HEATSHARE.

I AM MAKING A ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION OF: \$ _____

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Signature:** _____

Utility Company: _____ **Account Number:** _____

Please make check payable to HeatShare and enclose this form with your utility payment in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your generous contribution!