

**BRAINERD PUBLIC UTILITIES
POLICY 2005-7
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INACTIVE ACCOUNTS

Brainerd Public Utilities (BPU) will charge all customers a monthly fixed charge for utility services, regardless of the length of time an account will remain inactive. Residential accounts will be billed the monthly fixed charge for electric, water, and wastewater each month, plus any kilowatt hours used and all gallons of water used that are not included in the fixed charge. Commercial accounts will be billed the appropriate monthly fixed charge for electric and water utility services based on size of service. The wastewater charge is the same for both commercial and residential accounts.

Different options available to the customers are summarized below:

Customers will have the option to pay the utility bill in full each month, pre-pay the monthly fixed charges for the months they are going to be gone, and pay for the kilowatt hours and gallons of water used when they return, or pay the entire bill when they return.

Customers can avoid paying these charges by requesting BPU disconnect the electric meter and/or remove the water meter for the time period that the property is going to be vacant. If the meters are removed, there will be a \$50 charge to have the electric reconnected and a \$50 charge to have the water turned on.