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KEEP FATS, OILS & GREASE Out Of Our Sewers



Fats, oils, and grease resulting from food preparation can build up in the sewer pipes and cause costly blockage and backups and sewage overflows to private and public property.

Tips to keep drains fat-free: Pour fats, oils, and grease into a container and store in the freezer, then put in the trash after it has hardened. Use paper towels to wipe greasy dishes before washing. Use sink strainers to catch food waste when washing.

MOVING



If you are moving, please notify our office at 829-8726 at least a day in advance to have your meters read for your final bill. Please have your forwarding address ready to give to us. Also, if you are selling your property, we need the new owner's name when you call in to final your account.

BPU requires an application for service to be filled out if you are beginning service with us or transferring service in our service area. We will not read the meters until we have received the completed application.

Direct Payment Plan

We are pleased to offer you the **Direct Payment Plan** for utility payments. With this plan your utility bill payment can be made automatically from your checking account, savings account, Visa or MasterCard.

The Direct Payment Plan will help you in several ways:

1. Saves time – fewer checks to write.
2. No late payments. Your payment is always on time, even if you're on vacation or out of town, helping to maintain good credit.
3. Saves postage.
4. Easy to sign up for, easy to cancel.
5. No late payment charges.

Here's how the Direct Payment Plan works:

1. You will continue to receive your monthly bill each month, allowing you to review the charges.
2. Your payment will be automatically deducted on the due date of your bill.
3. Payments can be made from your checking account, savings account, Visa or MasterCard.

To take advantage of this service, complete the bottom of this form and return it to Brainerd Public Utilities, PO Box 373, Brainerd, MN 56401.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT ▼▲

I authorize Brainerd Public Utilities and the financial institution named below to make automatic payments from the account I have specified on this authorization form. I understand that this authority is to remain in effect until cancelled in writing by myself, Brainerd Public Utilities, or the financial institution designated. If utilizing direct payment from a checking account I have attached a voided check showing my account number and routing transit/ABA number.

Brainerd Public Utility Account number as it appears on my utility bill _____

Customer's Name _____ Phone # _____

Customer's Address _____

Account type: Checking [] Savings [] Visa [] Master Card []

Bank Account # _____ Routing Transit/ABA # _____
OR

Credit Card # _____ Expiration date: _____ Security code: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES

The following diseases are the most common tick-borne illnesses found in Minnesota. If you are bitten by a tick, take quick action to remove it and watch for signs and symptoms of illness. **If you begin to feel ill, tell your supervisor and visit a clinic as soon as possible.**

Watch out – ticks are tiny!



The image to the right shows the approximate size of the Blacklegged Tick, the Lone Star Tick and the American Dog Tick at each life stage – nymph, larva and adulthood.



LYME DISEASE	ANAPLASMOSIS	BABESIOSIS
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Courtesy of the CDC

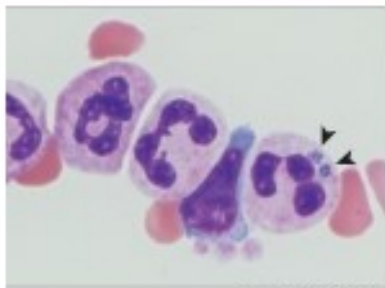
An infected tick must be attached for 24 to 48 hours to transmit Lyme Disease.

Within 30 days of working in a tick habitat, watch for:

- Bulls-eye shaped rash or multiple rashes
- Fever
- Chills
- Headache
- Muscle and joint pain
- Fatigue

Other symptoms that might appear include:

- Paralysis on one side of the face
- Stiff neck
- Irregular heartbeat
- Dizziness and heart palpitations
- Persistent weakness and fatigue
- Weakness, numbness or pain in the arms and legs



Courtesy of the AMA

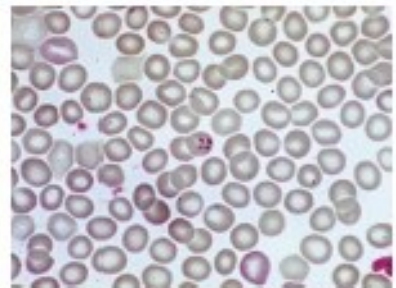
An infected tick must be attached for 36 to 48 hours to transmit Anaplasmosis.

Within three weeks of working in a tick habitat, watch for:

- Fever above 102 degrees
- Severe headache
- Muscle aches
- Chills and shaking

Other symptoms that might appear include:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Abdominal pain



Courtesy of the ECDC

An infected tick must be attached for 36 to 48 hours to transmit Babesiosis.

Within nine weeks of working in a tick habitat, watch for:

- Fever
- Headache
- Loss of appetite
- General malaise

Other symptoms that might appear include:

- High fever
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Nausea
- Vomiting

MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW IF THEY WERE BITTEN BY A TICK.
WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS IF YOU HAVE BEEN OUTDOORS IN WOODED OR BRUSHY AREAS.

Go to the [Tick Awareness page](#) of the Intranet for more information.

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

Repair Number:
829-2193
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Call Gopher State One at 1-800-252-1166 for water & electric locations before digging. All requests for locations must be made by calling the above toll free number at least 48 hours before digging begins.