

Brainerd Public Utilities

Business & Repair Office
7:00 am—3:30 pm

Business Number ▼
829-8726

Repair Number ▼
829-2193

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UPGRADING METERS AND CHANGING OUT WATER TRANSMITTERS

Brainerd Public Utilities (BPU) will be upgrading our electric meters and changing our water transmitters. BPU staff will install the meters/transmitters. Staff will be driving BPU vehicles and have identification with them.



Electric Meter

If it is necessary to get into your home/business, BPU will contact you to set up an appointment.

It is important that BPU has updated telephone numbers for our customers. If you have any questions, please call 218-825-3203.



Water Transmitter

GOPHER STATE ONE

Call Gopher State One at 1-800-252-1166 for water & electric locations 48 hours before digging begins.



BRAINERD PUBLIC UTILITIES POLICY 2008-15 Adopted 12/30/08

NON-SUFFICIENT FUND CHECKS AND ACH PAYMENTS

If a check made payable to Brainerd Public Utilities (BPU) is returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF) or the account has been closed; or if a customer has their utility bill paid by ACH, and notification is received for non-sufficient funds or the account has been closed, the following procedures will take place.

- BPU will send a notice, by regular mail, to the check issuer when a check or ACH is returned for NSF from a financial institution. The notice shall contain language of MN Statute 609.535 pertaining to issuance of dishonored checks.
- Restitution has to be made within five (5) business days and must be paid by money order or cash. There will also be an additional \$30 service charge. There are no arrangements allowed when a NSF check is received.
- If restitution is not made within the required time, the electric service will be disconnected at the service address where the check was issued. Before the service will be reconnected, the NSF check, \$30 service charge, entire balance of account, a deposit, if one has not been previously paid, and a reconnect fee will have to be paid.
- If more than two (2) checks or ACHs are returned to BPU within a twelve (12) month period, all future utility payments will have to be paid by money order or cash.



2020 Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Program

Brainerd Public Utilities makes bulb recycling as easy as a trip to your local hardware store. And, we'll even help pay the recycling fee. Here's how it works:

- Take your used bulbs*, and one coupon per bulb, to:



Brainerd Ace Hardware

214 West Washington Street

Brainerd Batteries Plus

923 Washington Street

- Each coupon gives you 50 cents off the recycling fee for each qualifying bulb you recycle.
- During 2020, Brainerd Public Utilities will redeem up to 10 coupons per household or a small business that is a BPU customer.

Bulb Recycling Is Good For The Environment, & It's The Law

Used fluorescent and high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps require special care because they contain a small amount of mercury. Because mercury is harmful to the environment, Minnesota law prohibits the disposal of fluorescent bulbs in household garbage.

Although fluorescent bulbs may require special care after they've burned out, they'll last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs, and they use 75 percent less energy. With today's improved lighting technology, you can get the same warm quality of light as regular bulbs.

- ◆ **Circular fluorescent tubes**
- ◆ **U-bend fluorescent tubes**
- ◆ **Compact fluorescent bulbs**
- ◆ **High-intensity discharge lamps**
- ◆ **fluorescent tubes up to eight feet in length.**



50¢ Off Fluorescent Bulb Recycling

Name _____
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 City _____
 State Minnesota Zip _____
Coupon expires 12/31/20. Limit one coupon per bulb.

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