

# Brainerd Public Utilities

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

Business Number ▼  
829-8726  
Repair Number ▼  
829-2193


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**Emergency**  
24 hour  
service  
365 days  
a year:  
**829-2193**

Email  
[@bpu.org](mailto:@bpu.org)

 The BPU Service Center will be closed

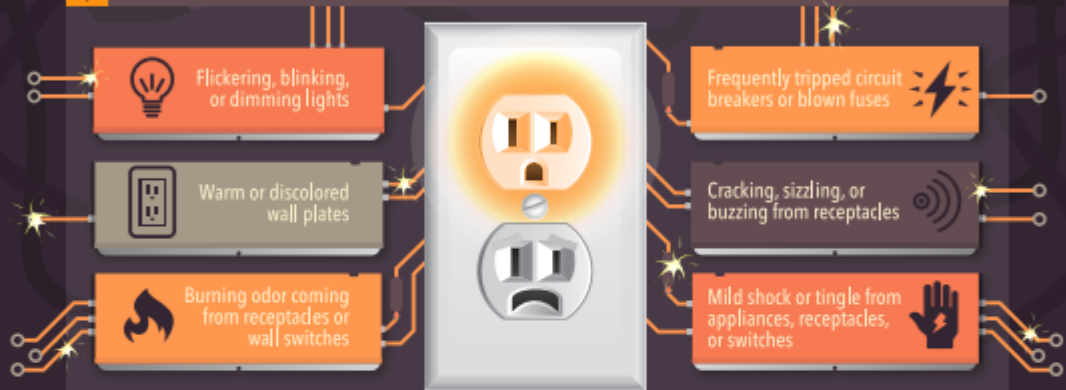
on:  
**Monday,  
September 7,**  
in observance of  
**Labor Day**



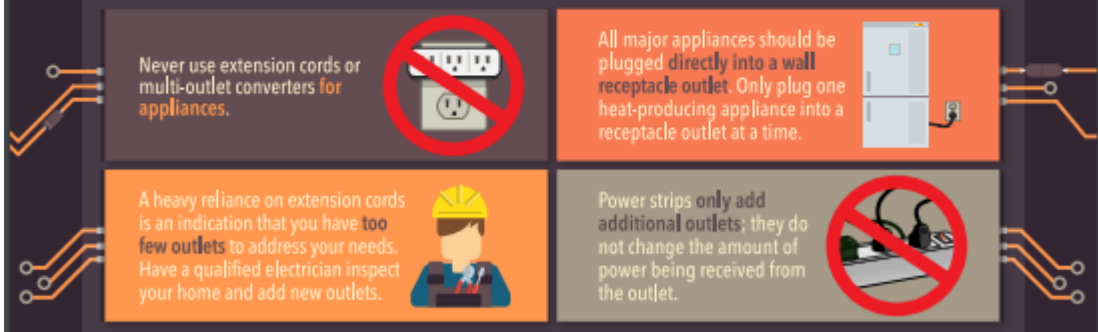
## DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR HOME!

**i** According to the National Fire Protection Association, 47,700 home fires in the U.S. are caused by electrical failure or malfunction each year. These fires result in 418 deaths, 1,570 injuries, and \$1.4 billion in property damage. Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of residential fires. Help lower your risk of electrical fires by not overloading your electrical system.

### OVERLOADED CIRCUIT WARNING SIGNS



### HOW TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL OVERLOADS



**50%** The CPSC estimates more than 50% of electrical fires that occur every year can be prevented by Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs). To learn more about AFCIs, visit [ESFI.org](http://ESFI.org).



Only use the appropriate watt bulb for any lighting fixture. Using a larger watt light bulb may cause a fire.



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[www.twitter.com/ESFIdotorg](https://www.twitter.com/ESFIdotorg)

[www.youtube.com/ESFIdotorg](https://www.youtube.com/ESFIdotorg)

**MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH**

**Please share this free resource to save lives**

How to prevent electrical overloads: **Never use extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliances**

- All major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Only plug one heat producing appliance into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- A heavy reliance on extension cords is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have a qualified electrician inspect your home and add new outlets.
- Power strips only add additional outlets; they do not change the amount of power being received from the outlet.

## WHAT DOES NOT GET MARKED

Private underground facilities, such as private utility lines and private distribution networks, do not get marked by facility operators. When a property owner or tenant has any type of private underground facility, they are responsible to locate those facilities or hire someone to locate them. *For more examples of private facilities please consult the [Gopher State One Call handbook](#).*

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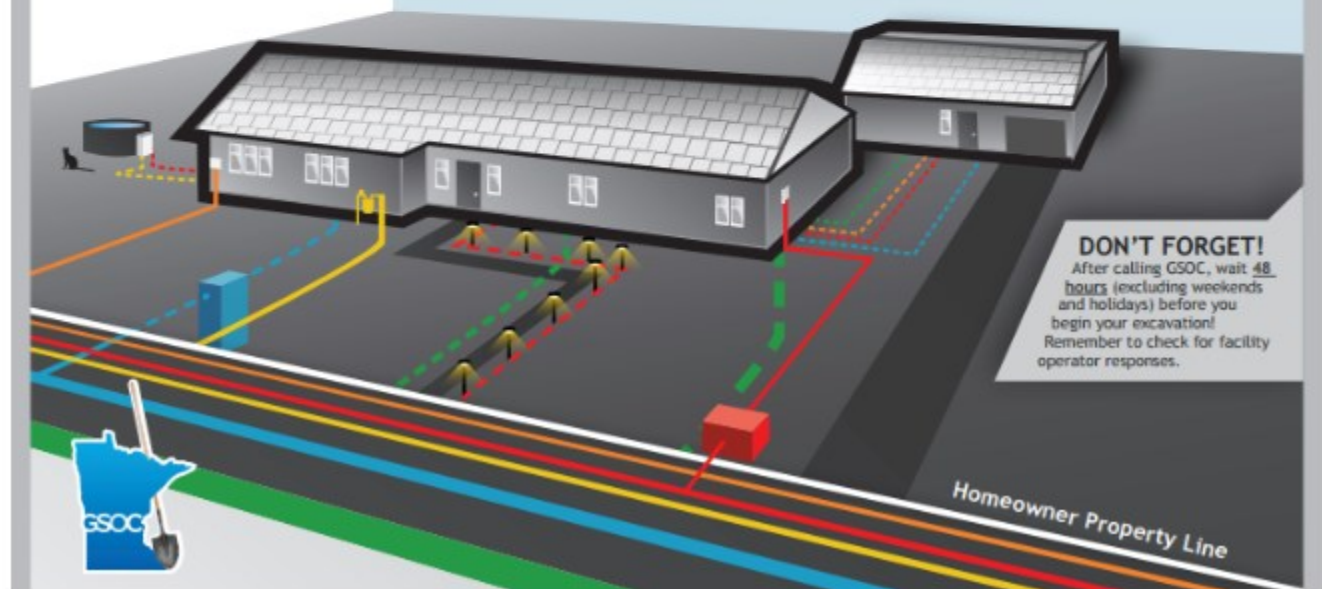
-  ELECTRIC
-  GAS, OIL, AND PROPANE
-  PHONE AND CABLE
-  WATER
-  SEWER

Customer-owned lines usually include any that serve outbuildings, hot tubs, security lighting, pools, and natural gas grills.

The free locating service available through Gopher State One Call (GSOC) applies **ONLY** to public facility operators. The diagram below shows a variety of utilities, some owned by the utility and some by the homeowner.

Those utilities marked by dotted lines are typically owned by the property owner. Those lines will **NOT** be marked by contacting GSOC. Private locating services will mark these for a fee.

For information on private locating companies  
[www.gopherstateonecall.org/about-gsoc/industry-directory](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/about-gsoc/industry-directory)



**Call Gopher State One at  
1-800-252-1166  
for water and electric locations  
before digging.  
All requests for locations  
must be made by calling the above number  
at least 48 hours  
before digging begins.**

*Call before you dig.* The markings and flags could save your life.