

Brainerd Public Utilities

Electricity—Water—Wastewater—Hydro

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Water, Wastewater, and Sewer Rates

Brainerd Public Utilities Water, Wastewater, and Sewer Rate Increase

Water and Wastewater Effective December 1, 2023

Reflected on your January Bill

Water			Wastewater Treatment			
(In Inches) Meter Size	Monthly Service Charge		Monthly Service Charge			
	Current	New	Debt Service		Waste Treatment	
			Current	New	Current	New
3/4	\$ 19.30	\$ 19.30	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 14.95	\$ 16.30
1	44.50	49.70	6.50	6.50	17.50	19.10
1 1/2	65.50	73.90	9.00	9.00	19.50	21.80
2	110.00	127.80	11.00	11.00	21.50	22.90
3	203.50	230.10	15.50	15.50	28.50	30.90
4	298.50	345.10	19.50	19.50	32.50	35.60
6	473.50	551.00	27.50	27.50	37.50	42.40
Commodity Charge			Commodity Charge			
Per 1,000 Gal	\$ 3.95	\$ 4.10	Per 1,000 Gal	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.65	

Sanitary Sewer Effective January 1, 2024

Reflected on your February Bill

City of Brainerd Sanitary Sewer Collection Monthly Service Charge		
	Current	New
	\$ 6.05	\$ 6.55
	13.00	14.00
	18.60	19.85
	35.00	36.25
	55.00	56.25
	105.00	105.00
	140.00	140.00
Stormwater (Single Family Residence)		
	4.00	4.60
Commodity Charge		
Per 1,000 Gal	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.37

Note: Water and wastewater treatment customers outside the City limits will be charged 200 percent. The Sanitary Sewer Collection and Storm Sewer Collection Charges are set by Brainerd City Council.

Wipes Clog Pipes!

Place these items in the TRASH and NOT the toilet:

- Disinfecting wipes
- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Towelettes
- Mop refills



BPU Phone Numbers

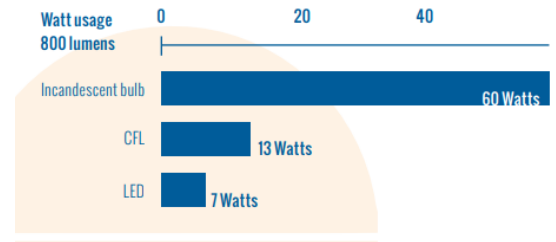
Questions on billing statements, or other billing questions	825-3207
Moving in or out of a rental, or selling/purchasing a home or questions about a deposit	825-3200
Want to pay using a credit card (Visa/ MasterCard) Option 3	829-8726
Set up a payment arrangement	825-3223
Business Office	829-8726
Repair Office Maintenance of utilities, power outages, water leak emergencies, trees in the lines, etc.	829-2193

EASY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY



1. Replace any light bulb, especially ones that burn more than one hour per day, with a lightemitting diode (LED) bulb.
2. Seal from the inside. Air sealing is an inexpensive way to lower energy costs and improve comfort. Seal gaps and holes in walls, floors, and ceilings with caulk or foam sealant. Look for cracks around windows and where wires and pipes pass through.
3. Plug electronic devices such as cable boxes, printers and TVs into power strips to turn off during vacations or long periods without use. Smart power strips make it an easy task to save money.
4. Close shades and drapes during the day to help keep your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.
5. Change your central HVAC system filter when dirty by the manufacturers recommendations. Dirty filters can impact your home comfort and increase your electricity bill.
6. A one degree increase in heating setpoint or reduction in cooling setpoint can increase energy use by 3 – 5%.
7. Have your duct work checked for leaks. Leaks at the return, air handler and supply can be a major source of high bills. Mobile homes check at the grill, cross over duct and down flow air handler, for leaks.
8. Set both the upper and lower water heater thermostats no higher than 120 F.
9. An electric space heater can cost more than \$100 per month to operate. Minimize their use, except for limited or temporary spot heating. Turn space heaters off when leaving the room.
10. Ensure refrigerator door seals are tight. Eliminate unnecessary refrigerators.

A lumen is a unit used for the measurement of visible light. A traditional 60 Watt light bulb produces 800 lumens. See the chart below to see how many Watts other bulbs use to produce the same amount of light.



Additional Energy Tool: Estimate the energy use of your home electronics and appliances from [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/estimating-appliance-and-home-electronic-energy-use). <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/estimating-appliance-and-home-electronic-energy-use>



Take Care of your water pipes. Open Cabinet doors under sinks, and don't forget to check on pipes to your washing machines in the laundry room. Insulating hot water pipes can also help deliver warmer water with the added benefit of energy savings.

Property owners are responsible for protecting both water pipes and the meters from damage.

BPU will be closed on Monday, December 25th for Christmas and January 1st for New Years Day.

A few holiday tips

- * Use LED holiday lights and decorations. They are 75% more efficient and last up to 25 times longer.
- * For outdoor decorations, use a timer or look for timers that include light sensor for easier operations.

