

BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC UTILITIES

420 Nebraska Ave, Breckenridge, MN 56520 ~ (218)643-4681
www.breckenridgemn.net



Electric Rate Increase February 2024

Fellow Breckenridge Ratepayers,

This past Fall, Breckenridge Public Utilities (BPU) was notified by Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) of new rate increases for the power which is purchased from them by the City. The cost increase for purchased power equals 22.5% over the next several years starting on January 1, 2024. BPU is a "Not for Profit" utility company and sells the purchased power back to the community at cost plus maintenance fees. As in the past, when purchased power costs increase, rate adjustments for customers need to be made. BPU has made the necessary rate adjustments which became effective starting January 16th. This rate increase will be reflected on your utility bill that is due on March 10th. All categories will be affected including Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Governmental. Residential rates will increase by 1 cent per kWh, plus \$3.00 per month meter rental. The average residential home using approximately 1000kwh per month would see an increase of \$13.00 per month. (.01 x 1000 = \$10 + meter rental increase of \$3 which totals \$13.00) Obviously, this number can be more or less depending on size of the home and overall power consumption.

The rate changes are shown below. For the full rate sheet in all categories visit the BPU home page at www.breckenridgemn.net/public-utilities or at the BPU office.

Sincerest regards,
 Neil Crocker, Director of Public Service

	Since 2020	NEW Rate
Residential Monthly Charge	\$12.00 per month	\$15.00 per month
Energy Charge May 16-Sept 15	0.091/kWh	0.101/kWh
Sept 16-May 15	0.084/kWh	0.094/kWh
Controlled Electric/Load Management	No monthly charge	No monthly charge
May 16-Sept 15	0.055/kWh	No Change
Sept 16-May 15	0.051/kWh	No Change
Commercial Monthly Charge (Single Phase)	\$21.00 per month	\$25.00 per month
Commercial Monthly Charge (Three-Phase)	\$35.00 per month	\$40.00 per month
Energy Charge May 16-Sept 15	0.093/kWh	0.103/kWh
Sept 16-May 15	0.088/kWh	0.098/kWh
Large General Service/Industrial Monthly Charge	\$55.00 per month	\$60.00 per month
Demand May 16-Sept 15	\$13.54 per kW	\$16.54 per kW
Sept 16-May 15	\$12.00 per kW	\$15.00 per kW
Energy Charge	0.05125/kWh	No Change

Check out the Local Happenings at
www.breckenridgemn.net

WATER CONSERVATION REMINDER:
 Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. Were a pipe to burst, this could save gallons of water and prevent damage.

NEW Online Customer Access COMING SOON!

Once the new Customer Access is available the link will be available on our website.
www.breckenridgemn.net

Click [Make a Utility Payment](#)

NEW Features:

- LOW credit/debit card fee
- See your current & past bills
- See current & past usage
- Make updates to account (example: phone number, email, payment method, etc.)

Once the new system is available our past credit/debit card processing website (MunicaPAY) will NO longer be available. Please make payment through our website to make sure your payment gets processed correctly.

MORE WAYS TO SAVE IN 2024

Our Bright Energy Solutions® rebate program helps you save money, improve comfort and protect the environment.

ENERGY STAR® REBATES

Air Purifier: \$25
 Clothes washer: \$25
 Dehumidifier (portable): \$25
 Dehumidifier (ducted, whole-house): \$200
 Dishwasher: \$25
 Heat pump water heater: \$150
 LED recessed downlight: \$2
 Room air conditioner: \$25
 Smart thermostat: \$25

ADDITIONAL REBATES

Home electric vehicle charger: \$150 - \$500
 Air-Source heat pump: \$150 - \$1,100
 Mini-split heat pump: \$250 - \$400
 Mini-split air conditioner: \$150 - \$200
 Geothermal heat pump: \$200 per ton
 Central air-conditioner: \$150 - \$400
 Heat pump or A/C tune-up: \$30
 ECM domestic hot water recirculating pump: \$75 - \$900

WE HAVE REBATES FOR BUSINESSES, TOO!



For more information contact Lori G. at (218)643-4681, lgefne@breckenridgemn.net or visit www.brightenergysolutions.com



FOSTER

It's not just the child's life that changes

Wilkin County needs individuals to take care of children & youth ages 0-18. You can choose to do short-term Respite Care, or long-term Foster Care Placements.

For more information visit: <https://wilkincounty.gov/familyservices>

Breckenridge Senior Center

225 5th Street South

WEEKLY & MONTHLY Activities

More information at www.breckenridgemn.net/senior-citizens-center



Healthy Meals Served at Center

-OR- Have Delivered

Monday - Friday lunch served between 11am-12pm
 Call (218)643-5730 to place your order before 8am.
 *BEST to call the day before.
 Suggested meal cost is \$5.



6th Street North and Beede Avenue, Breckenridge

(218)643-1282 or City Hall (218)643-1431

Available for Use (first come, first serve): Sleds, Hockey sticks & pucks, Skate walkers, Snowshoes & poles, Ice/Hockey skate rental \$1/day

For monthly & weekly happenings, and rental information visit www.breckenridgemn.net/family-community-center

Facebook: @familycommunitycenter Instagram: @breckcommunitycenter

Seasonal Warming House Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
 3:15 - 5:30PM
 Friday: 3:15 - 8PM
 Saturday: 1 - 8PM
 Sunday: 1 - 6PM

Food, Snacks & Beverages for sale during open hours!

WANTED: Breckenridge Public Utilities Commissioner

Breckenridge Public Utilities (BPU) is managed under the leadership of five Utility Commissioners. BPU currently has an open Commissioner position. If you have experience with utilities, have managed a business or been in other leadership roles, you may want to play a part in helping guide BPU into the future.

For consideration, please send a letter of interest to: Breckenridge Public Utilities, 420 Nebraska Avenue, Breckenridge, MN 56520 or by email to

ajohnson@breckenridgemn.net. Interest notices will be accepted until 2:00pm February 20, 2024.

DIY Hacks to Keep Burglars at Bay: A few ways to secure your home.

- Add Motion Detector Lighting & keep your yard well lit
- Install Alarms on doors and windows
- Purchase a Safe Box to secure your valuables
- Install Security Cameras
- Install Foot Lock or Add a Dowel on Patio Doors
- Hide your "Extra Key" in a Smart Place
- Get to know your Neighbors
- Don't broadcast when you're out of town
- Be sure your vehicles, garage, sheds, and outbuildings are securely locked
- Install battery backups for surveillance systems
- Secure your internet cable coming into your home



Always report anything suspicious (day or night) by calling (218)643-5506 or 911. The Police Department operates 24 hours a day and we will respond.

CAPLP

Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership

Tax \$ite


FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

Who? Families & individuals with income less than \$64,000

Where? CAPLP— 311 5th Street South in Breckenridge

Why? Because we want you to keep ALL of your refund!

Call: (218) 512-1570 to schedule an appointment today!

This service is made possible with funding and support from:  DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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MNSURE NAVIGATORS—HERE TO HELP

If you have any questions about signing up through the MNSure website and would like help with the process, call:



(218) 512-1550

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO BUY HEALTHY FOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY?

The minimum amount you could be eligible for is \$23 per month. It may not sound like much, but that is enough for 4 pounds of beef, 5 gallons of milk, or 4 dozen eggs!



Call (218) 512-1570 for more information about SNAP

HOUSING

CAPLP offers various housing programs for people experiencing homelessness and at risk of homelessness. Our first focus is to address the immediate crisis situation by providing assistance for rent, mortgage payments, security deposits, or utilities and then develop a plan for long term stability.



**To learn more, call:
(218) 512-1570**

HOME-BASED EARLY HEAD START

NOW ENROLLING pregnant moms and children ages birth-3. Enrolled families receive weekly home visits from September through July. Services are free. Families receive support with child development, health, nutrition, social interactions, and much more!

**Call or email Tiffany at: (218) 512-1515
tiffanym@caplp.org for more
information.**



CAPLP eliminates poverty by empowering families and engaging communities. For more information about how we help people change their lives every day, visit caplp.org