

April

2023

BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC UTILITIES

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



City Hall & Breckenridge Public Utilities

NEW

OFFICE HOURS

Observed

Memorial Day (May 30, 2023)

-Thru-

Labor Day (September 1, 2023)

Monday thru Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Breckenridge Public Utilities payments can be placed in the silver drop box, in the alleyway to the west of City Hall.

Due to the amount of snow & ice the electric & water meters were estimated for residential customers this billing cycle. Business & apartment meters were read if accessibility allowed.

The estimates can be higher or lower than actual usage, but the following bill will correct any discrepancies.

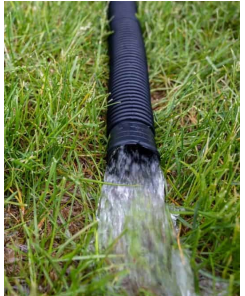
High water courtesy calls will not be made this month. So, check your toilets for leaks. Toilet leaks can be silent!

A good way to check is by putting food coloring in your toilet tank—if it seeps into the bowl without flushing, then there's a leak that needs fixing.

Where does your SUMP PUMP discharge to?

Breckenridge Public Utilities UPDATED

Sump Pump Policy States:



The following sump pump policy shall apply to ALL customers of the Breckenridge Public Utilities.

1. A monthly surcharge of \$25 will be incurred by all residents who allow sump pumps, roof drains, drain tile or any other type of connection that allows rain, snow melt, or any other non-sewage water to enter the sanitary sewer system during the time period of October 15th thru March 15th; however, all customers **must** convert their sump pump(s) discharge to outdoor lawn or the storm water collection system by March 31st of each year. This grace period gives customers two weeks to get the system converted from the sanitary system to the outside/storm water system. Any customer found to be non-compliant on or after April 1st of each year will be subject to a \$250 fine for each month they are out of compliance.
2. Sump pumps must be hard plumbed to the outside. Flexible hose, hose clamps, etc. in building is not acceptable.
3. Two-way valves are not allowed unless there is a method provided for the Utility to physically seal the valve from being switched to the sewer system.
4. Public Utility employees are authorized to do inspections of the sump pumps, etc. to determine if the connections are to the sanitary sewer or to the outside. If a property owner does not allow Utility employees to inspect, the surcharge fee of \$250.00 per month will be immediately applied until the inspection is made and determination that the sump pump(s), etc. is properly plumbed outside.

If you have any questions, contact Breckenridge Public Utilities at (218)643-4681.



Pet Waste Stations are available throughout Breckenridge YEAR-ROUND!
Be Kind & Pick up after your dog!



For a Better Way of Life.®

Offering low-interest loans for homeowners, encouraging the preservation of older homes & beautiful neighborhoods!

NOW is the time to make the home improvements!

Electrical, Plumbing, Heating, Foundation, Roof, Windows, Doors, Siding, Garage, Finish basement, Addition, Kitchen remodel, Bath remodel, Interior finishes, Accessibility, Landscaping/Deck, Radon Mitigation, & Other

Breckenridge Home Improvement Partnership Program

For more information contact Chris Loehr, City of Breckenridge Building & Codes Official at (218)643-1431, email cloehr@breckenridgemn.net or visit www.breckenridgemn.net
Apply by October 31, 2023!

Mark your calendars!

Have you been wanting to declutter & get rid of things you no longer use? Now is the time to start going through your home, garage, & shed. Plan to join in the:

2023 Breckenridge **SPRING** City Wide **RUMMAGE SALE**



Friday, **May 19th** from 8 am - 6 pm
Saturday, **May 20th** from 8 am- 3 pm
Rain or Shine!



Watch for more information, or call Lori G. at (218)643-4681
or lgef@breckenridgemn.net

WATER CONSERVATION REMINDER:

Keep a Bottle of Drinking Water in the Fridge.
Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

For a list of Local Happenings visit www.breckenridgemn.net/local-happenings

SPRING Energy Saving Tips



Here are just a few simple things you can do to improve the energy efficiency & comfort of your home as warmer temperatures arrive:

1. **Service your air conditioner.** Easy maintenance such as routinely replacing or cleaning air filters can lower your cooling system's energy consumption. Also, contact Breckenridge Public Utilities regarding a rebate for Central Cooling System Tune-up.
2. **Open windows.** Opening windows creates a cross-wise breeze, allowing you to naturally cool your home without switching on air conditioners. This is an ideal tactic in spring when temperatures are mild.
3. **Use ceiling fans.** Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat four degrees. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort.
4. **Cook outside.** On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of indoor ovens.
5. **Install window treatments.** Energy efficient window treatments or coverings such as blinds, shades and films can slash heat gain when temperatures rise. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.
6. **Caulk air leaks.** Using low-cost caulk to seal cracks and openings in your home keeps warm air out -- and cash in your wallet.
7. **Bring in sunlight.** During daylight hours, switch off artificial lights and use windows and skylights to brighten your home.
8. **Set the thermostat.** On warm days, setting a programmable thermostat to a higher setting when you are not at home can help reduce your energy costs.
9. **Seal ducts.** Air loss through ducts can lead to high electricity costs, accounting for nearly 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption. Sealing and insulating ducts can go a long way toward lowering your electricity bills.
10. **Switch on bathroom fans.** Bathroom fans suck out heat and humidity from your home, improving comfort.
11. **Reduce energy for water heating.** Lower your water heater's temperature & installing low-flow showerheads, to reduce your water heating bills.
12. **Switch to ENERGY STAR®.** Choose ENERGY STAR® certified appliances, fans, electronics & LED lighting.

More Energy Saving Tips & Information at www.energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver

Got Drugs?



Most abused prescription drugs come from family & friends. You could be a drug dealer & not even know it.

There is a safe way to dispose of your unused prescription drugs.

Visit the prescription drug drop box inside the lobby of the Wilkin County Law Enforcement Center, 515 Dacotah Ave., Breckenridge.

The lobby is open 24 hours a day every day! Instructions for disposal are on the drop box.

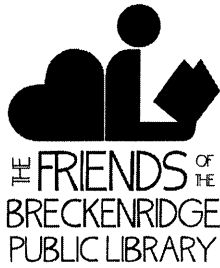
Breckenridge Community Event



HEADWATERS DAY
September 9, 2023

Breckenridge, MN

If you are interested in holding an event/fundraiser, volunteering or being a committee member to help with the planning please contact Lori at Breckenridge City Hall/Active Living Committee (218)643-4681 or lgef@breckenridgemn.net



Please consider joining the *Friends of the Breckenridge Public Library* and discover the many opportunities available to promote our *Breckenridge Public Library* and strengthen its programs.

Objectives

- * Assisting the staff of the *Breckenridge Public Library*
- * Assisting the city of *Breckenridge Public Library Board* in making our *Breckenridge Public Library* an educational and recreational resource for our community and surrounding areas
- * Focusing attention on the services, facilities, and needs of our *Breckenridge Public Library*
- * Providing financial aid for our *Breckenridge Public Library* for additional needs
- * Encouragement of contributions and memorials that would support *Breckenridge Public Library*

Accomplishments

- * Supporting activities for youth of all ages including Storytime, Summer Library Experience, Anime & Manga Club
- * Hosting book sales, sponsoring adult events and reading programs
- * Providing funds to purchase items for the library and customer use including furniture, toy bins, DVD player, Wii, Legos, MakeDo cardboard construction system and board games



Membership Form - *Friends of the Breckenridge Public Library*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Type of Membership:

- _____ Adult (\$10)
- _____ Family (\$25)
- _____ Life Member (\$100)
- _____ Other

I may be able to provide some help with:

- _____ Library Functions
- _____ Book Sales
- _____ Serving on the Library Board
- _____ Financial Support

Please make checks payable to:
Friends of the Breckenridge Public Library
Breckenridge Public Library
205 7th Street North; Breckenridge, MN 56520



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