

**Watt's in the Kitchen?**

Thank you to Jan Dery for submitting her recipe for Farmer Chicken Salad and to Phyllis Wark for her recipe for Ambrosia Salad. They will each receive a \$5 credit on their utility bill.



**Farmer Chicken**

**Salad:**

- 5 c. cooked chicken-cut in chunks
  - 2 T. salad oil
  - 2 T. orange juice
  - 2 T. vinegar
  - 1 t. salt
  - 3 c. cooked rice
  - 1 ½ c. small green grapes
  - 1 ½ c. sliced celery
  - 1 c. pineapple tidbits, drained
  - 1 can mandarin oranges, drained
  - 1 ½ c. real mayonnaise
  - 1c. toasted slivered almonds-optional
- Combine chicken, oil, juice, vinegar & salt. Refrigerate several hours. Add remaining ingredients & toss.

**Ambrosia Salad:**

- 2 c. minis marshmallows-colored
- 1 banana sliced
- 1 8oz can pineapple tidbits-well drained
- 1 11oz can mandarin oranges-well drained
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1/4c. sweetened coconut flakes

In large bowl stir all ingredients together. Refrigerate at least 20 min before serving.

To enter our next *Watt's in the Kitchen* please send your favorite muffin recipe. If it's printed in *The Connector* we'll credit your account \$5.00. Mail to Princeton Public Utilities, P.O. Box 218, Princeton MN 55371 or email to: [princetonpuc@gmail.com](mailto:princetonpuc@gmail.com)

***Please be a watch dog***

Princeton Public Utilities (PPU) urges the public to be watch dogs when it comes to our fire hydrants in town. Unless permission is granted by the PPU only PPU, City of Princeton or the Fire Department are allowed to open hydrants in town. Please report any suspicious activity immediately to Princeton Public Utilities, at 763-389-2252.



***We offer payment options***

Princeton Public Utilities offers quick and easy payment options for customers interested in paying for services without having to write a check. For more information on payment options, give us a call at 389-2252.

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***Where our power comes from***

Princeton Public Utilities (PPU) buys power at wholesale from the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) and distributes that power over our locally-owned electric distribution system. PPU is a member of SMMPA and has a member representative on the SMMPA board.

SMMPA generates and sells reliable wholesale electricity to its eighteen non-profit, municipally-owned member utilities, and develops innovative products and services to help them deliver value to customers.

SMMPA members serve over 96,000 residential customers and over 12,300 commercial and industrial customers.

The Agency's main source of electricity is its 41 percent share of the 884-megawatt Sherco 3 coal-fired generator near Becker. The Agency's energy resource mix also includes various renewable energy sources such as wind, biodiesel and waste-to-energy, and an array of intermediate and peaking units owned by members, including PPU.

## *Princeton wellhead plan approved*

Princeton Public Utilities recently received approval of its Wellhead Protection Plan from the Minnesota Department of Health. The goal of Wellhead Protection is to prevent drinking water from becoming polluted by managing possible sources of contamination in the area which supplies water to the municipal wells. Utility staff worked closely with the Minnesota Department of Health in identifying the recharge area of the municipal wells based on geology of the area, groundwater flow and volume of water pumped. This information resulted in a map being developed that identifies the recharge area of the city wells.

“Wellhead Protection is all about creating awareness about where our drinking water comes from and things landowners and the public can do to help protect our groundwater resources” stated Connie Wangen, Wellhead Protection Manager for Princeton Public Utilities. The Utility will be doing a variety of on-going education and



*Development of the PPU wellhead protection plan was funded, in part, through a grant from the Minnesota Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment.*

outreach efforts in the community as part of implementing the Wellhead Protection Plan.

One of the goals identified in the Wellhead Protection Plan is to promote land use practices that will help protect the aquifer used by the municipal wells. Utility and local resource staff are working together to help protect the area’s water supply and request your support of these efforts. If you would like more information about wellhead protection, please contact Connie or Scott at 763-389-2252.

## *Good lawn care = good water*

What you can do for a water-friendly lawn?

- Test your soil to learn if your lawn really needs any more nutrients
- Use phosphorus-free fertilizer
- Mow your grass high (3”) and leave your grass clippings on the lawn as a natural fertilizer
- Only water if it hasn’t rained in 7 days; water in the cool of the morning
- If you must apply chemicals, follow the manufacturer’s directions; use the right rate at the right season
- Never apply chemicals before it rains
- Keep chemicals and grass clippings off hard surfaces
- If you hire a lawn care service, ask them to follow these tips

*When you’re fertilizing the lawn . . .  
REMEMBER, YOU’RE NOT JUST  
FERTILIZING THE LAWN.*

## *Water to drink is under your feet*

You fertilize the lawn. Then it rains. Some fertilizer-laden rainwater is taken up by your grass. Some soaks into the ground and becomes groundwater. The rest flows down the storm drain, and into storm water ponds, lakes, and rivers. These water bodies also release water into the ground.

Groundwater becomes your drinking water. If you apply more fertilizer and pesticide than your yard and garden can use, excess chemicals can find their way back to you.

### *HOW YOU CAN HELP KEEP PRINCETON’S WATER CLEAN?*

**PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE.** Hazardous wastes, plastics, unused medications and grease/oils from cooking should not be put in toilets or down drains. Read labels for proper disposal instructions.

**RETAIN THE RAIN.** Use a rain barrel or raingarden to capture water where it lands to reduce storm water runoff.

**PREVENT POLLUTION.** Keep hard surfaces and the landscape free of dirt, chemicals, and debris so they’re not carried to our water.

**CONSERVE GROUNDWATER.** Reduce your water consumption with low flow toilets, showerheads and irrigation systems.