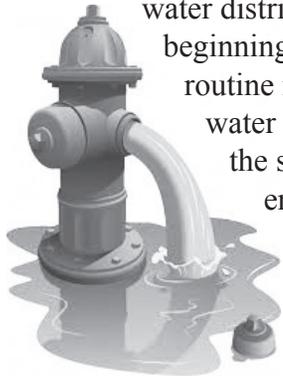


We will flush hydrants in April

We will again be conducting the spring water distribution system flushing beginning in April. This is a routine maintenance of the water system and is done in the spring and fall. If you encounter discolored water during this period you can run the cold unsoftened tap for a few minutes to clear it up. The discoloration is not harmful to humans or animals. If you have any questions or concerns please call our office at 763-389-2252.



We offer rebates for a variety of energy efficient products

Princeton Public Utilities offers various rebates for numerous residential items, from light bulbs to central air conditioners.



In general, the rebates apply to ENERGY STAR labeled products.

For compact fluorescent and LED light bulbs, we generally offer a rebate of 50 per-



cent of the cost of the bulb, up to \$15 for an LED bulb

For refrigerators and freezers, PPU offers a rebate of \$25 plus an additional \$50 to pay for your old, working appliance.

Rates for dishwashers range from \$25 to \$40 depending on efficiency.

We also offer rebates for clothes washers and dryers, dehumidifiers and room air conditioners.

Rebates for efficient furnace fan motors, central air conditioners and air source heat pumps, and ground source heat pumps, are somewhat more involved.

For more information and a complete list of residential rebates, stop by our office at 907 1st St., call us at 389-2252 see the Residential Rebate Summary Sheet at www.saveenergyinprinceton.com

Look out for utility crews!

Utility crews are on call, as needed. Because of this, crews are often called out in high wind, freezing temperatures, snow and ice, or a mixture of all of them. Please use extreme caution when traveling in or near utility work zones. Safety is the top priority for crews and you can help ensure that they get home safely after work by using caution around utility work zones. Thank you!

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Consider your electric service when planting that tree

We all love trees, but trees can cause problems for utilities. Trees that grow into powerlines can cause outages and need to be trimmed.

The line clearing we have done these past couple of years has definitely proved its value. We have seen fewer tree-line contacts and therefore fewer outages. Thank you for your understanding as we perform this basic electrical system maintenance.



Follow these basic tree-planting rules:

Use trees with a mature height of 18 feet or less within 18 feet of a power line. Plant evergreen trees on the north and west sides of your home. These trees create a windblock that block cold winter winds. Plant deciduous (leaf shedding) trees on the south and west sides of your home. These trees provide energy saving shade in the summer and let in winter sunshine.

Act now to claim your lighting 'bonus rebate' for LED fixtures

For a limited time, Princeton Public Utilities is offering a lighting 'bonus rebate' for changing out fluorescent fixtures to LED fixtures.



If you use fluorescent light fixtures in your building, now is the time to upgrade to energy-efficient LED fixtures or retrofit kits. Through June 30, we're offering a \$20 bonus rebate for each qualifying new fixture installed, when you replace or retrofit your existing fluorescent fixtures. Plus, you can receive a \$10 bonus rebate for each new occupancy sensor installed to control your qualifying new LED fixtures. Bonus rebates are over and above our standard fixture and sensor rebates.

Switching from fluorescents to LEDs can result in energy savings as high as 30 percent! LED lights also last longer, offer better dimming performance and light distribution, and require no recycling. These advantages make LEDs more cost-effective in most applications.



Contact Keith Butcher at (507) 990-5907 for your Business Lighting Rebate Form or for more information. Rebate forms need to be returned to us by June 30, and the fixtures installed no later than the end of this year.

Call 8-1-1 before you dig

Building a deck? Planting a tree? Installing a mailbox?

8-1-1 is the number you should call, at least two days before you begin any digging project. (This is taking the place of Gopher State One Call, which you can still call directly at 1-800-252-1166). 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects.



People digging often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, costs, and previous calls about other projects. These assumptions can be life-threatening.

Every digging job requires a call—even small projects like planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.

Don't assume you know what's below. Protect yourself and those around you—call 811 every time. This is a service provided by the various utilities and there is no charge to you.

Save money when you recycle

Princeton Public Utilities offers free recycling of fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) to our customers. CFLs use less energy and last longer. When you are ready to replace them don't dispose of them with your household trash.



Fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and it is illegal in Minnesota to place them in the garbage. Bring them to our office during regular business hours and we work with a recycler to dispose of them properly.

Be aware of phone, email scams

Utilities across the country are reporting scams aimed at customers. We are aware of it happening in Princeton. Small businesses are among those targeted.

Disregard callers asking for payment. If a caller insists on the use of a pre-paid debit card of immediate payment of any kind **HANG UP** and contact us at 763-389-2252.