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Newsletter

FALL/WINTER 2017

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

New Parking prohibitions will be in place from November 1 to March 31. During this period parking vehicles on all streets and avenues within the area identified as the city limits of Battle Lake from 1 am to 7 am.

ATV LICENSING

If you operate motorized golf carts and all terrain vehicles within the City of Battle Lake you **MUST** license them annually.

Additional requirements include:

All vehicles must carry liability insurance at all times while operating on public streets or roadways.

Motorized golf cars must display slow vehicle emblem provided for in MN Statutes 169.522, when operated on a public street or roadway.

Hours of operation are from sunrise to sunset. Operation of a golf cart shall not be permitted during inclement weather or when visibility is reduced.

Applications and the full ordinance (Chapter 74) are available on the City of Battle Lake's website at ci.battle-lake.mn.us.



We now offer **EVEN MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS** for Natural Gas Customers

Your utility bill can fluctuate with the seasons. But, with our new Even Monthly Payment Plan (EMP) you can pay the same amount each month. We determine an average monthly payment based on the previous 12 months of utility billing. Once a year we will settle any differences between the amount of utility use and what you have paid. Pair this with our convenient automatic payment and never worry about missing a utility payment again. Contact City Hall at 218-864-0424 to sign up today!

ZONING PERMITS are required for storage sheds, fences, decks etc. or any structural changes to a dwelling or structure. Permits are **not** needed for routine maintenance i.e. shingling, painting, siding or window replacement. The application fee is based on the project cost. To apply, complete the application and submit along with a site drawing and fee to the administrative office. Applications are available on the city's website www.ci.battlelake.mn.us and

www.Ci.Battle-Lake.mn.us





2018 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Energy Assistance Program helps low-income households pay their home heating bills. Payments are made directly to the household's fuel provider. To receive assistance, household income for the last three months must be below the following guidelines:

DEADLINE TO APPLY WITH HEAT OR

Household Size: Gross Income for last 3 months:

1	\$6,250		There are no deductions from income.
2	\$8,173		Households must provide proof of income.
3	\$10,096		
4	\$12,019		You may also be eligible for repair or replacement of nonfunctioning heating systems.
5	\$13,942		
6	\$15,865		

To request an application call Mahube-Otwa at:

Detroit Lakes 847-1385 Fergus Falls 739-3011 Mahnomen 935-5022

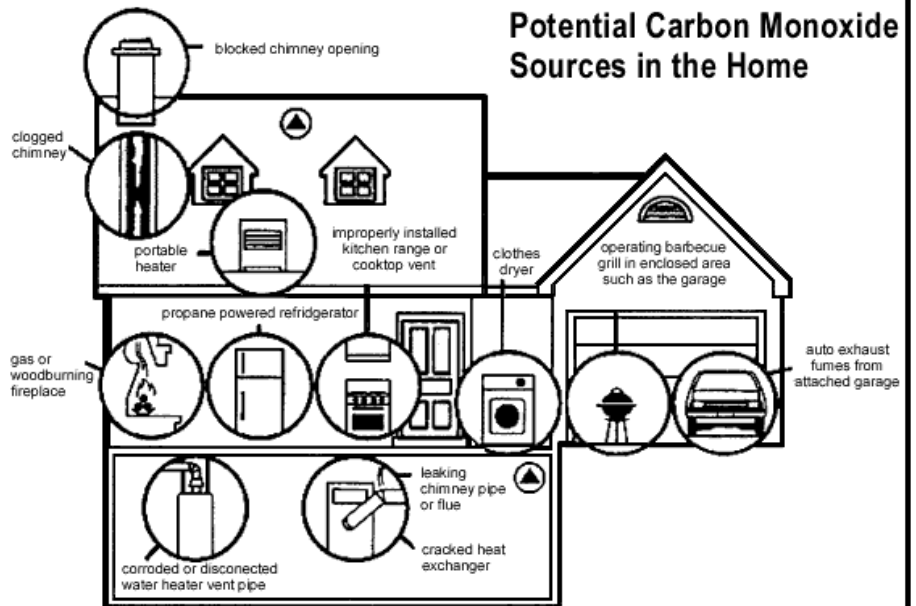
Park Rapids 732-7204 Wadena 632-3600 Toll Free at 1-888-458-1385

Energy assistance is administered in Mahnomen, Hubbard, Becker, Otter Tail and Wadena Counties by Mahube-Otwa offices are located in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Mahnomen, Park Rapids and Wadena.

KNOW THE SIGNS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING!

- ⇒ Headaches
- ⇒ Nausea
- ⇒ Dizziness
- ⇒ Breathlessness
- ⇒ Collapse
- ⇒ Loss of Consciousness

Install a carbon monoxide detector today!



To City Residents in the Shore land Management Area (within 1000 feet of a lake), the following zoning regulations apply:

Storage and use of fish houses and Recreation Camping Units (RCU) The storage and use of fish houses and RCU's are allowed with the following provisions:

- It meets set back requirements.
- Cannot be connected to water or sewer.
- The lot is compliant with all area, water frontage and width of the requirements of this ordinance.
- Use of an RCU, that meets the above provisions, will be allowed on a temporary basis, not to exceed 10 days.

Definition of an RCU RECREATIONAL CAMPING UNIT (RCU). A relocatable single-family dwelling unit, less than 40 ft. in length, which in the traveling mode, is less than 8 1/2 body ft. in width, and is less than 399 square feet when erected onsite, including, but not limited to tents, motor homes and travel

During winter months, snow and ice can damage your natural gas meter and appliance vents, or cause them to malfunction. Follow these simple tips and stay safe all winter long:

- * Gently brush away any ice or snow that has accumulated around the meter, regulator vent and other outdoor piping
- * Clear the snow or ice using a broom or by hand—not with a shovel.
- * When plowing, blowing snow or shoveling, do not push or pile snow around your meter.
- * Clear a path to your meter so Battle Lake Natural Gas employees and emergency responders can access it in an emergency.

Keep appliance vents clear of snow and ice:

- * All outdoor appliance vents should be cleared of snow and ice—the best time to locate your vents is before the first winter storm hits.
- * A clogged vent may cause your appliance to shut down or malfunction and create a hazardous buildup of carbon monoxide.

Watch for falling snow or ice near your natural gas meter:

- * Falling snow and ice can seriously damage natural gas meters and regulators.
- * Be aware of the locations of utility meters when removing snow and ice from your roof or contact a qualified contractor to perform this work for you.

Anytime you smell a natural gas odor **leave the area immediately** and call 911 or Battle Lake Natural Gas at (218) 862-5550



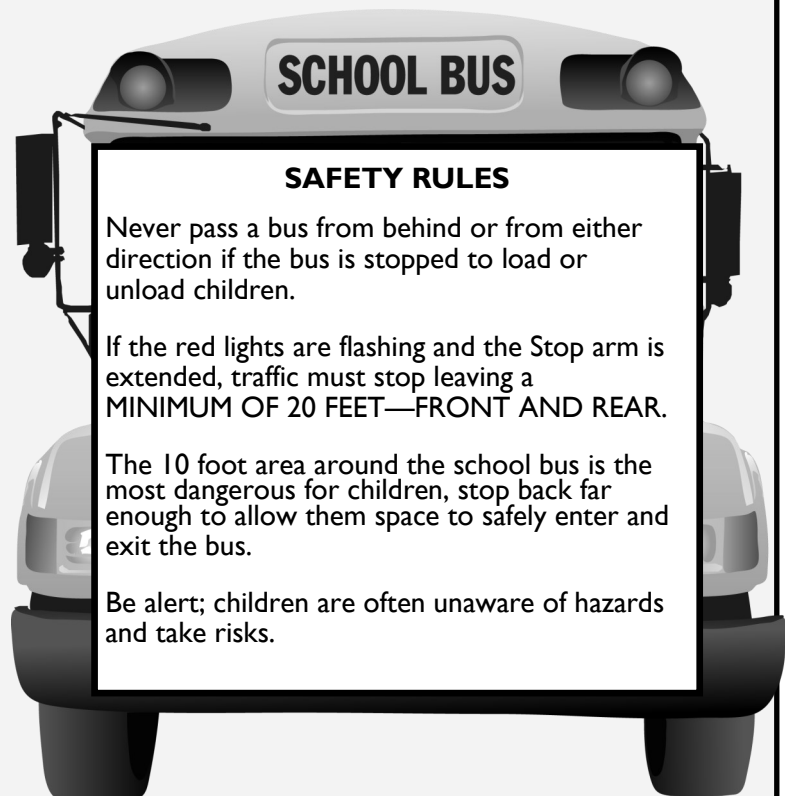
**KEEP THEM
CLEAR!**

**IN AN EMERGENCY, EVERY
SECOND COUNTS**

Clear a path from the street to the hydrant

Clear a perimeter to move around the hydrant (about 3 feet)

Remove snow and ice from the hydrant



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Phone 1-800-252-1166 or 811

or go to Gopherstateonecall.org/submit



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

COLD WEATHER RULE INFORMATION

During the period from October 15 through April 15, a utility cannot disconnect a residential utility customer for nonpayment if the disconnection would affect their primary heat source for the residential unit and all the following conditions are met:

The household income of the customer is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income. A municipal utility may verify income on forms it provides or obtain verification or income from the local energy assistance provider. A customer is deemed to meet the income requirements of this clause if the customer receives any form of public assistance, including energy assistance, that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50 percent of the state median household income.

A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a plan agreement that considers the financial resources of the household. A customer receives referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, and other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

This notice is to tell you about your rights and responsibilities under the Cold Weather Rule. These rights and responsibilities are designed to help you with winter utility bills. You must act **promptly!** If you choose not to assert your rights or choose not to enter into mutually acceptable payment schedule **your service may be disconnected.**

If you need help paying your natural gas bills, you may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. Weatherization or conservation programs to reduce your energy bills may also be available. To find out if you qualify and how to apply, contact the following : **MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership, Inc., 128 W. Cavour Avenue—**

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

Battle Lake City Hall will be closed:

November 10, 2017 Veterans Day

November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Day

November 24, 2017 In lieu of Columbus Day

December 25, 2017 Christmas Day

January 1, 2018 New Years Day

ATTENTION City of Battle Lake Residents:

Pay utility bills electronically



Go online to:

www.ci.battle-lake.mn.us



Download "PSN Payments"
from the App Store® or Google Play™



Call **877-885-7968**

Pay immediately or schedule a payment through PSN.

Convenience fees apply:

\$1 for checks; 2.75% (+50¢ if under \$100) for credit cards.



Battle Lake Natural Gas—Private Line Notice

Battle Lake Natural Gas maintains the natural gas service lines up to and including each meter. Battle Lake Natural Gas **does not** maintain the customer's PRIVATE natural gas lines. Private lines include service lines that branch off the main meter to garages, guest houses, and other customer owned structures.

For customer safety, it is very important that private lines be maintained properly. A natural gas service line that is not properly maintained may be subject to potential hazards from corrosion and leakage.

Private metallic natural gas service lines should be inspected periodically for leaks and corrosion. Any unsafe conditions should be repaired immediately.

Service lines should be located in advance if excavating near the customer's buried natural gas service line. To avoid accidental nicking or puncturing of the lines all excavating near these lines must be done by hand!

Local plumbing and heating contractors may be able to assist you in locating, inspecting, and if necessary repairing your service line.

If Battle Lake Natural Gas discovers a problem with the customer's private service line, the flow of gas will be shut off and the customer will be advised of the needed repair.

Check out the City of Battle Lake's website for council minutes and agendas, fillable forms, meeting dates, and more!
www.ci.battle-lake.mn.us