

Upcoming
City Council Meetings
Council Chambers
October 6 - 5:00 p.m.
October 20 - 5:00 p.m.

THIEF RIVER FALLS



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Minnesota Cold Weather Rule Annual Notice

State law requires that we inform all our customers, regardless of payment history, about provisions of the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule provides that your utility cannot disconnect and must reconnect your residential electric service during the winter if you meet all the following requirements:

1. Utility disconnect would affect the customer's primary heat source, and;
2. The customer has declared inability to pay on forms provided by utility, and;
3. The household income of the customer is at or below 50 percent of the state median income, as documented by the customer to the utility, and;
4. The customer has entered into a payment schedule and is reasonably current with payments under the schedule.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The State Department of Human Services recommends you call the County in which you live. The following numbers may provide you with assistance, The Inter-County Community Council at 1-888-778-4008 or (218) 796-5144; Pennington County Social Services at (218) 681-2880.

The Cold Weather Rule does not totally forbid winter disconnects. If you receive a cut notice this winter, you must act promptly. If you know that you are going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact the Thief River Falls Municipal Utilities Billing Office at (218) 681-4145 to try to work out a payment schedule.

ATTENTION SHOPPERS

The 33rd Annual Thief River Falls Holiday Fair will be held at the Ralph Engelstad Arena on Saturday, November 14, 2009. Homemade baskets, jewelry, candles, quilted items, wood furniture and much more will be on display in the lower level Imperial Room and the Upper Concourse of the Arena. Admission is \$1.00. Tickets will be available at the main entrance and also at the west entrance. Remember to mark your calendars. The Fair will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There is still availability for Crafters in this year's craft show. Please contact 681-2183 for more information.

CFL Rebate Form

Purchase and install compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) in your home and receive up to \$2.00 per bulb* cash back from your utility. ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs last up to 10 times longer than regular (incandescent) bulbs. They use up to 75 percent less energy than regular bulbs, too, so you can save an average of \$30 or more in energy costs over their lifetime.

Participating in this offer is as easy as.....

1. *Purchase* up to 12 ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs from your local retailer.
2. *Install* the bulbs in your home.
3. *Complete this form*, attach a copy of your purchase receipt and mail or return it to the Utilities Billing Office or mail to P.O. Box 528, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

Name

Address

City State Zip

Phone: _____

Utility Acct # _____

Date of Purchase _____

Name of Retailer: _____

Total Number of Bulbs: _____ x \$2* = _____

** Rebate cannot exceed 50 percent of the bulb cost, up to \$2 maximum per bulb, maximum of 12 bulbs per customer.*

Mail or return this form to and a copy of your purchase receipt to:

City of Thief River Falls Municipal Utilities
P.O. Box 528/803 South Barzen Avenue
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Utility Use Only:
Date Received: _____
Accepted _____ Rejected: _____
Representative: _____
Joint Program Tracking Number: _____

CITY OF THIEF RIVER FALLS
WINTER CITY CODE PROVISIONS

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

§ 91.01 ASSESSABLE CURRENT SERVICES.

(B) Snow, ice, dirt and rubbish.

(1) Duty of owners and occupants. The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. No owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 48 hours after its deposit thereon. Failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a violation.

(2) Removal by the City. The City Administrator or other person designated by the City Council may cause removal from all public sidewalks all snow, ice, dirt and rubbish as soon as possible beginning 48 hours after any matter has been deposited thereon or after the snow has ceased to fall. The City Administrator or other designated person shall keep a record showing the cost of removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel.



**ICE AND SNOW ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS
(DITCHES, STREETS, AND SIDEWALKS)**

§ 92.020 PLACING SNOW OR ICE IN PUBLIC STREET OR ON OTHER CITY PROPERTY.

It is a misdemeanor for any person, not acting under a specific contract with the City, to remove snow from private property or alleys and place the same on a public street. It is also a misdemeanor for any person not acting under a contract with the City to dump snow on City property. - See also MN State Statute 160.2715 -



CALENDAR PARKING

§ 72.08 CALENDAR PARKING.

(A) STREETS AND AVENUES. It is a petty misdemeanor for any person to park or leave standing, between November 15 and March 15 of the following year, any motor vehicle on any street designated as an "avenue" between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, or on any designated street, road, boulevard, circle, court, cul-de-sac, drive, or lane between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

(B) PARKING LOTS. It is a petty misdemeanor for any person to park or leave standing, between November 15 and March 15 of the following year, any motor vehicle in City parking lots identified as parking lot west of LaBree Avenue and north of First Street, west half of parking lot located between Second Street and Third Street west of Knight Avenue, and the west half of the parking lot located between LaBree Avenue and Horace Avenue north of Fourth Street between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays, or in City parking lots identified as parking lot east of LaBree Avenue and from Second Street to 150 feet south of Second Street, east half of the parking lot between Second Street and Third Street west of Knight Avenue, and the east half of the parking lot between LaBree Avenue and Horace Avenue north of Fourth Street between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.