

Third Party Notice

The City of Buhl offers customers the opportunity to have a third-party notified if their utilities are going to be shut off. A third party may be a friend, relative, church or community agency and can receive and give information about you and arrange payment plans with the City of Buhl for you. The third party is NOT responsible for payment.

Customer Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Phone Number

Account Number

I give permission to the City of Buhl to provide information and accept information from the person/party named below.

Customer Signature Date

Name of Third Party to be notified

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Phone

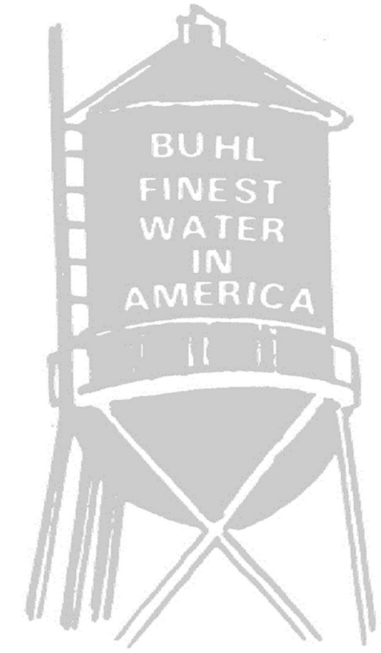
Third Party Signature* Date

**This request must include the third party's signature.*

No-Cost, Low-Cost to Conserve Energy

- Change your light bulbs to LED.
- Open your shades during the day to let warm sunlight in and close them when the sun goes down.
- Turn off the lights and appliances when not in use.
- Set your thermostat to 66F to 68F in the winter and 76F to 78F in the summer.
- Clean or change your furnace filters monthly.
- Lower the temperature of the hot water heater to 120F. If you have a dishwasher 140F may be needed.
- Remove or cover window air conditioners during the heating season.
- Air seal your home. Seal cracks, gaps and leaks.
- Turn off your heated dry on your dishwasher and air dry instead.
- Clean your refrigerator and freezer coils every 6 months.
- Close the door and heat registers in unused rooms.

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MN Cold Weather Rule

October 1 – April 30

The Cold Weather Rule

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule (CWR) is designed to protect people who may have difficulty in paying their utility bills between October 1 and April 30.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can my heat be shut off in the winter?

- a. YES. You must make and keep a Cold Weather Rule payment plan with the City of Buhl public utilities to receive Cold Weather Rule (CWR) protection between October 1 and April 30.
- b. This is true for all residential customers, including senior citizens and families with young children.
- c. Payment plans can be established at any time during the CWR season.
- d. If the payment plan is broken the City of Buhl public utility is not required to offer additional arrangements.
- e. If you are unable to agree on a payment amount, you can request to appeal to the Buhl City Council.

2. Am I eligible?

- a. CWR protection is only available to residential customers.
- b. Your total household income is less than 50% of the state median household income, AND
- c. You agree to and keep a payment plan.

3. Are renters eligible?

- a. Renters with electric service accounts in their name are eligible if they meet the income requirement.

4. How do I apply for a Cold Weather Rule payment agreement?

- a. Contact the City of Buhl at **218-258-3226** and request a Cold Weather Rule payment plan.

5. What if I can't make my scheduled payment?

- a. Contact the City of Buhl immediately. If you do not make your payments, your service may be shut off.

Need Help Paying Your Bill?

AEOA Energy Assistance

218-749-2912 or 1-800-662-5711

The Salvation Army HeatShare

1-800-842-7279

St. Louis County Social Services

1-800-450-9777

United Way

Dial 211

