

# HENNING HAPPENINGS

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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## Water and Sewer Rates to Increase

As part of paying for the Water and Sewer Project that encompassed most of Henning over the summer, water and sewer rates will be set for an increase beginning January 1st, 2015. The new rate structure is as follows:

### Residential:

Water Base Rate: \$36.00/month increase of \$1.00

Usage per 1,000 gallons over base: \$3.50, increase of .50 cents.

Sewer Base Rate: \$28.00/month, increase of \$3.00

Usage per 1,000 gallons over base: \$5.50, increase of \$1.50

### Commercial:

Water base Rate: \$43.00/month, increase of \$1.50

Usage per 1,000 gallons over base: \$3.50, increase of .50 cents

Sewer Base Rate: \$32.00/month, increase of \$7.00  
Usage per 1,000 gallons over base: \$5.50, increase of \$1.50

Other methods of payment for the project were explored, with this being the most cost effective method to obtain much needed improvements to our existing water and sewer infrastructure. This payment structure is strictly consumer driven and much easier for residents to budget for.



### Budget Program for Utilities:

We know that budgeting for utilities, especially in the winter months, can some times be difficult. The City of Henning offers a Utility Budget Program, for this very reason. Our budget “year” runs October through September in which you pay the same amount every month. Whatever you have owing in September is what your September bill will be. The utility office closely monitors the budget accounts through the year to make sure your budget is on track to prevent the customer from having a large amount owing in September.

If you would like to be on the budget program, please contact Jessica in the Utility Office, by September 26th. 218-583-2402

## NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

The City of Henning Natural Gas operates a system of underground natural gas pipelines to provide safe and economical energy to the residents and businesses of our community.

Pipelines are one of the safest transportation methods available. If in the unlikely event a natural gas leak occurs, it can cause a fire or explosion. We want to help you stay safe around gas facilities. This notice is designed to assist in that effort,



providing information on reacting to and reporting suspected gas leaks and on excavation safety. If you have further questions, please contact us using the provided numbers.

**Suspected Gas Leaks:** Indications of possible gas leaks include:

- Unusual odor inside or near the pipeline outdoors
- Hissing noise, bubbles in puddles, dirt being blown into the air, or dead or discolored vegetation near an underground pipeline

- **KEEP** other people out of the area until help arrives.

**Remember, suspected gas leaks are potentially dangerous. Leaks must be reported and investigated immediately. We need your help to continue to operate a safe distribution system.**

Dig-in (excavation) damage is a leading cause of gas system damage. To minimize this hazard, the most important thing you can do is :

### If You Suspect a Leak:

- **EVACUATE** the area immediately
- **TRAVEL** upwind to escape any potentially dangerous accumulation of gas and do not reenter until told it is safe to do so
- **CALL** the gas supplier from a safe location— NOT the building where you smell gas
- **DO NOT** light a match, operate light switches, appliances, engines, landlines, cell phones, or any other sources of ignition

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!** GSOC is a free statewide service that allows utilities to locate any buried facilities they own before you start digging. Call 811 or 800-252-1166 before digging.

### Contact numbers:

Office phone: 218-583-2402  
24hr emergency: 911  
Fax: 218-583-2637

## Upcoming Events

**October 1st:** Good Shepherd Fall Supper 5-8PM

**October 11th:** Share Our Stuff/Winter Outerwear Giveaway, Henning Community Center 8-1pm Hosted by Water's Edge Church and Henning HOPE

**October 12th:** Grace Lutheran Chili Fundraiser At Henning Community Center 10AM to 1PM Craft BINGO beginning at 1:30pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church

**October 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th, 31st,** Henning Annual Haunted House 7-10pm

**October 25th:** Henning HOPE Family Halloween Party at the Community Center 6-8pm

**November 9th:** American Legion Breakfast Henning Community Center

**December 13th:** Photos with Santa at Landmark, Holiday Shoppe at Henning Community Center 10-3pm



*Write it down!*

# COLD WEATHER RULE: WINTER DISCONNECTION PROTECTION

## THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION

If you have been served a notice of proposed disconnection by The City of Henning, you may want to alert a 3rd party (friend, relative, church group, or community agency) to act or help on your behalf. The 3rd party is not obligated to pay your bill. The 3rd party does have the right to contact The City of Henning and provide information or work out a payment plan. If you want a 3rd party to be notified of the potential disconnection, please complete this form and return it to the City of Henning Utility Office.

Customers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Party Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Party Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Party Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Henning Utility Office has my permission to provide information to and accept information from the 3rd party named above: Customer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

This request will not be accepted without the 3rd party's signature. The customer making the request understands that the City of Henning assumes no liability for failure of third party to act upon notification. **If you are the 3rd party for the customer whose service is affected by this notice and are submitting this for that customer, please sign and date on the line below:**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Please fill out the following information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Owning: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Household Income: \_\_\_\_\_ # of house occupants: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all sources of income: (SSI, Food Stamps, MA, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle if any of the following exists in your home:

Medical Emergency

Disabled Person

I propose to pay my outstanding and future utility bills according to the following schedule of payments: I understand that I must make an initial deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Future payments will be as follows:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read, and understood the notice of residential utility customer's rights and responsibilities. I declare that the above is true and correct. I give my permission to any energy provider or public assistance agency that serves me to exchange income and billing information with other energy providers and my utility for the purpose of program qualification. **SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

## City of Henning

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After hours: 218-583-4089  
Fax: 218-583-2637  
Cityofhenning@arvig.net

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## Code Red Alert System

Beginning July 2014, Otter Tail County began using the CodeRED Emergency/Weather Warning Notification System. The CodeRED Warning Notification System delivers weather warning information to anyone that signs up to receive it—whether on your phone, by text, or email. If you are new to the system, it is important that you enter your physical address to ensure that you will be included in all weather and community emergency notifications.

If you were already enrolled in the former system to be notified for community emergencies, you must also enroll in order to receive the CodeRED Weather Warnings from the County. Please be sure to include your physical address.

When you sign up, you will have the ability to select what type of emergency and general notifications, and weather warning you want to be notified for, as well as how you want to be notified.

Please make your selections carefully; weather warnings may be issued at any time of day or night.

If you are signed up to receive weather or emergency notifications from other sources (media, smartphone app, etc.), you may receive multiple notifications— one from CodeRED, and others from the additional sources. CodeRED Weather Warnings utilize the National Weather Service information to notify only those who are in the path of the storm.

Please use the link <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BF58FD528F29> to sign up for alerts from the County.

If you need assistance to sign up, or have any questions about the system, please contact the City Office at 218-583-2402