

Community Information

UTILITIES

•ELECTRIC, WATER, & WASTEWATER

Provided by BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES. Residential and commercial electric, water and sewer services within the city. BMU also bills for garbage/recycling pickup. For information about rates and connection fees, call 697-8467 or stop at 525 Western Av.

TELEPHONE

•SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS

A department of BMU provides local telephone service, dial-up and DSL high-speed Internet, video, long distance, voicemail, unified messaging and calling features such as Caller ID. Business phone systems, Voice Over IP and certified network wiring are also offered.

Through its affiliation with SPRINT, Swiftel also provides digital wireless phone service and operates Sprint stores in Brookings, Watertown, Sioux Falls and Sioux City, IA. The local Swiftel Communications office is located at 415 4th St or call 692-6211.

•SWIFTEL DIRECTORY

Published by Swiftel Communications in November of each year and includes 32 area communities. The directory is also on-line at www.swifteldirectory.com.

• INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOP INC (ITC)

Serves consumers in Astoria, rural Brookings, Chester, Elkton, Estelline, Hendricks MN, Lake Benton MN, Nunda-Rutland, Sinai, Toronto, Wentworth & White. Call 800-417-8667.

• QWEST

Provides telephone service to consumers in Arlington, Badger, Colman, De Smet, Erwin, Flandreau, Hetland, Lake Preston, Madison and Volga-Bruce. Call 800-244-1111.

• ALLIANCE INC

Provides telephone service to Howard, Oldham & Ramona. Call 605-482-9644.

RECYCLING

For information on residential garbage/recycling programs, contact Brookings Landfill at 693-3667. For commercial pick-up, contact Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, 693-3363.

SORT 1 –

Newspaper, Office paper, Mixed mail, Cardboard boxes, Magazines

SORT 2 –

#1 Plastic (pop bottles), #2 Plastic (milk jugs), Plastic containers (cleaning products), Aluminum cans; Steel/tin cans

• HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

The City of Brookings collects household garbage on Mondays & Tuesdays. Recycling is picked up on Thursdays & Fridays. Call 693-3667 for your residence location's schedule.

• YARD WASTE

City of Brookings yard-waste bags will be picked up on Mondays or Tuesdays, based on your normal collection schedule. Allowed materials are grass clippings, vegetables, apples, vines, stalks, flowers and weeds. Branches will be collected on Thursdays or Fridays based on your normal garbage collection schedule. Yard bags must have "Brookings Municipal Landfill" printed on the front or they will not be picked up.

NATURAL GAS

Natural gas service is provided by Northwestern Energy. Call 1-800-245-6977 or stop at 311 5th St.

SNOW REMOVAL

Brookings residents can call the Snow Hotline, 696-7669, to find the latest information on snow removal. No on-street parking is allowed and property owners are responsible for sidewalks adjacent to their properties.

PETS

• LICENSING: Cats and dogs older than 3 months must be licensed by the Animal Control Dept or any city veterinarian. A rabies vaccination is required. Annual license fee is \$10 unspayed/unneutered or \$5 spayed/neutered.

• LEASH LAW: No animals are allowed to run at large in the city or county. Fines range from \$10-\$50. Animals loose on school grounds or recreation areas carry an added \$25 fine.

• ADOPTING: Dogs and cats are available for adoption at the Brookings Regional Humane Society, 408 3rd St 697-0477. Adoption Days are held from 12-3 p.m. second and fourth Saturdays of each month from Sept-April at the University Mall.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

- Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter:
24-hour line 692-SAFE or 800-656-HOPE.
- SD Department of Social Services, Children's Services and Adult Services & Aging: 688-4330.
- Brookings Food Pantry: 692-5007.
- Brookings County American Red Cross: 692-6772.
- Brookings County Welfare Office: 696-8260.

