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Providing Electric, Gas, Water and Sanitary Sewer Services



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Reliable, safe, affordable electricity is what public power is about, and it's what Hastings Utilities delivers 24 hours a day and seven days a week. We are one of approximately 2,000 municipally owned utilities throughout the nation that collectively provide electricity to 55 million Americans across 49 states and five U.S. territories.

The contributions of those municipal utilities is highlighted during Public Power Week: Oct. 5-11, 2025.

Municipal utilities all work with one purpose: powering strong communities. It's important to tell our community why public power is the right choice. This year, we are focusing on the immense sense of pride that we feel in our purpose: providing safe, reliable, affordable, sustainable, and customer-focused service to our community. And this pride should be felt by the members of our community.

Every department at Hastings Utilities plays a key role in keeping our community up and running daily. Every single person can – and must – be counted on.

Public power thrives because we are community-owned and governed by local decision-making, and – most importantly – because we are staffed with hardworking employees who care about the community and take pride in serving our friends and neighbors in Hastings. Keeping the lights on is a serious commitment.



New take on old payment to boost transparency

Hastings Utilities customers will see more transparency with their bills beginning in October. Members of the Hastings City Council are going through the process of adopting a dividend payment paid by Hastings Utilities to the City of Hastings. The amount of the dividend will be set by the council. This is not a new transaction. The previous payment in lieu of taxes will be removed from rates. The dividend will also be broken out within customers' bills to give a more accurate look at fees for services. We'll provide more details about the change to a dividend in the October newsletter.