



Barnesville Cable TV is only one of several municipally owned utilities. Municipally owned utilities offer several advantages to Barnesville residents. First, a portion of the profits from these “enterprise prize funds” are used to offset the operational costs of city government, thus keeping the property taxes for City residents lower. Second, because of City ownership there is continued reinvestment in upgrading the systems insuring that citizens have access to cutting edge technology.

## Compare the Facts: Barnesville Cable vs. Competitors

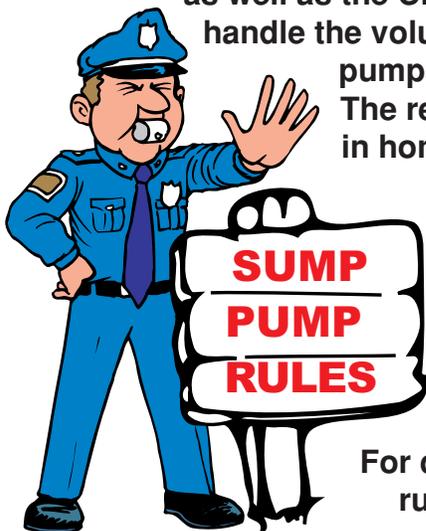
### Why Barnesville Cable is “Your Best Choice for Home Entertainment”

1. NO two year commitment for service activation
2. NO hidden processing fee when you connect or make changes
3. NO early termination and deactivation fees
4. We provide 2 SD boxes at no charge, while other companies provide 1
5. We can hook-up 5 boxes, with others you are limited to 4 boxes
6. NO ugly equipment hanging on your house
7. NO need to shovel snow off your equipment
8. NO worry about equipment readjustment after a strong wind
9. NO repair hassles - have a problem? You’ll get quick friendly response from local servicemen!



## RUNNING YOUR SUMP PUMP INTO THE SANITARY SEWER IS AGAINST THE LAW !

Not only is discharging your sump pump into the sanitary sewer illegal, but it endangers your neighbors! The sanitary sewer lines, as well as the City’s treatment facilities are unable to handle the volume of water that comes from sump pumps, particularly in the case of heavy rain. The result can be raw sewage backing up in homes.



All sump pumps **MUST** drain outside into the City’s storm sewer system. The City Council will enforce this ordinance. Homeowners who fail or refuse to follow the sump pump ordinance are subject to a \$100 a month fine.

For questions or more info on the Sump Pump rules, contact City Hall at 354-2292.

## NEW CABLE TV CHANNEL GUIDES

Recently, as part of Barnesville Cable’s digital conversion, some lower number channels have changed locations.

Enclosed with your bill you will find new Channel Line-up cards.

The white card is for subscribers with older analog systems, while the blue card reflects the new digital line-up. Extra copies are available at City Hall.

**CALL BEFORE YOU**



**CALL 811 or 800-252-1166**

**Before you plant that tree, dig that trench, or build that new garage on your property this season, call Gopher State One-Call.**

That one call notifies these utility companies and they will mark your property before you dig. That way you can stay safe and prevent a needless outage. Besides, it's the law.

**Here's how One-Call notification works:**

- Mark the borders of your excavation site with white stakes or white spray paint.
- Be prepared to give the One-Call operator your name, your phone number, your address, the location of your dig site, the type of work you plan to do, and the start date & time of your dig.
- **Call 800-252-1166 or just 811.** Gopher State One-Call operators answer calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Weekends and holidays are for emergencies only.
- Utility companies have 48 hours to locate their underground facilities, and digging must begin within 96 hours after calling Gopher State One Call so plan your work accordingly.

## **DIGITAL TV TRANSITION UPDATE**

On June 12, 2009, television programming will change from analog to digital broadcasting. Analog TV's will need a converter box to receive over-the-air broadcasts such as local network channels. Analog TV's will continue to work with cable and satellite TV, VCR's, DVD players and similar equipment.

**RESIDENTS WHO ARE BARNESVILLE CABLE TV SUBSCRIBERS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE.**

For more info about the digital TV transition, go online to [www.dtv.gov](http://www.dtv.gov) or [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or call 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

## **THINKING ABOUT PUTTING UP A FENCE ON YOUR PROPERTY?**

Barnesville residents are reminded that there are a few rules when it comes to fences.

1. Fences, including any underground footings must be located entirely on your property.
2. Many lots have utility easements. Fences may not be erected on a utility easement without first obtaining a Conditional Use Permit. If you're uncertain whether your lot has a utility easement, call Zoning Administrator Karen Lauer at 354-2145.
3. All posts used in the construction of fences shall be faced inward toward the property being fenced.
3. The maximum fence height along rear and side property lines is 6 feet.
4. Fences located in required front yards shall not exceed 36" in height except that fences that are at least 75% open may be 48 inches.
5. Always call 811 before you start your fence to have underground utility lines located. A little extra time could save your life.

## **PROJECTS AROUND THE HOUSE ? REMEMBER THE BUILDING PERMIT**

Summer is the time for those home improvement projects. Don't forget that building permits are required for many projects including sheds over 120 square feet, decks, siding, garages, shingling projects, window replacements, remodeling and additions. Building permits are not required for flat concrete work or fences.

Pick up building permit applications at City Hall. For questions call Residential Building Inspector Roland Holm at (218) 790-0240.

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