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MUNICIPAL POWER**

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## Power Up for Learning at Alameda Public Schools

Technology is becoming increasingly important in today's world, and it's invaluable for students to learn not just how to use it, but how to create it.

And that's where Power Up For Learning comes in. A joint program of Alameda Education Foundation (AEF) and AMP, it helps students in Alameda's public schools learn about math and science.



### How It Works

AMP customers designate an amount to be added to their monthly power bill. AMP collects these donations and provides them to AEF to

Power Up for Learning programs.

Go to [www.alamedamp.com/power-up-for-learning](http://www.alamedamp.com/power-up-for-learning) to sign up. 

## Safety Tips for Storm Weather



The long-term forecast for stormy weather is not good (or bad, depending on how you look at it). But in this era of climate change, we never know, so AMP constantly works to safeguard its electric

system against outages and ensure our employees are trained to respond quickly and effectively during an emergency. The safety of our customers and employees is always our top priority. We offer these tips for being prepared and staying safe.

### Safety Tips during an Outage

- Keep flashlights, a battery-powered radio and fresh batteries in an easily accessible place.
- Do not use candles for lighting. Candles are one

of the top causes of household fires.

- Turn off major appliances and unplug electronics (TVs, computers) to prevent damage when power is restored.
- Leave one light on so you will be able to see when power is restored.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Most food in the fridge will last 24 hours, except dairy products, which should be discarded after six hours.
- Portable generators are gasoline-powered and should always be placed in a well-ventilated area.
- Use an indoor/outdoor, grounded (three-prong) extension cord to connect your generator to an appliance.

More tips for being prepared for an outage can be found on AMP's website at [www.alamedamp.com](http://www.alamedamp.com). 

### AMP's Service Center Closed on Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Holidays

AMP's Service Center will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day and on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. 

## Spotlight on Power Box Art



**Title:** Recycle – Repurpose – Reuse

**Artist:** Stephen Seche

**Location:** The Marketplace parking lot on Park Street

**Sponsors:** Marketplace

**Description:** When I initially visited the transformer, it reminded me of a sardine can. My design is intended to make the transformer look like an over-sized sardine can filled with things we might re-use, compost, replant, or store inside the reusable can. The salmon is a reference to Alameda's history as home to the Alaska Salmon Packing Fleet. ♻️

*Each month here in The Flash, we highlight one the artists who created art for our utility transformers as part of the Power Box Art program. You can also take a look at the art in person by picking up a FREE Power Box Map from the AMP Service Center on 2000 Grand Street, or from one of the many businesses on Park Street.*

## CLIP and KEEP!

Important AMP contact numbers:

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After Hours/Emergency .....748-3902

TDD (hearing impaired) .....522-7538

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## Holiday Lighting Safety

Stay safe by following the guidelines below when decorating outside this holiday season.

- Check your electric lights and decorations before installation for potential hazards. Throw away lights that have frayed wires, damaged sockets or cracked or missing insulation.
- Make sure lights used to decorate the outside of the house are approved for outdoor use. Never use indoor lights outdoors.
- Before stringing outdoor lights, check for overhead power lines. Don't place yourself or any object in a position where you or it may come in contact with a power line. ⚡

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