

## Appliance Calculator Sheds Light on Hidden Energy Eaters

That old fridge in the garage is well known for its energy-guzzling appetite. But how about the brand new, shiny 50-inch plasma screen TV inside the house? It can easily consume \$180 dollars worth of electricity a year versus \$35 dollars for the old TV.

Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) has an Appliance Calculator on its website to help customers get their arms around home appliance energy use. More than 50 different electronic devices are covered in the calculator—from TV's and refrigerators to sleep apnea machines and whirlpool tubs.

Go to <http://alamedapt.apogee.net/homesuite/calcs/appcalc/> to use AMP's new suite of energy calculators for the home, appliances, computers, spas, and lighting.



These tools also include an interactive cut-away house and a comprehensive energy efficiency reference library to provide you with tons of information about how

energy is used in your home.

Just select your type of appliances, enter the number of

hours you use them each day and press calculate. Associated electricity costs for each pops up, along with an annual household total. Change your selections and see how much you can save.

With the 2009 federal conversion to digital television broadcasting, LCD and plasma screen TVs are making their way into more and more American

households. With those TVs comes higher electricity use. Not only do the newer TV screens use more energy than older models, but homeowners often keep and use the older sets in addition to any new TVs. Plasma and LCD screens actually use energy while they are turned off, too.

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## AMP Customers Provide Support to “Power Up for Learning” Program

At its regular meeting July 20, Alameda's Public Utilities Board presented a check to the Alameda Education Foundation representing customer contributions to the Power Up for Learning program.

The check, in the amount of \$11,500, was for voluntary contributions made by Alameda residents participating in the “Power Up for Learning” program through Fiscal Year 2008-2009. The program is a collaboration between Alameda Municipal Power, the Alameda Unified School District, and the Foundation. Alameda residents can elect to make monthly contributions to the program by adding an amount of their choice to their electric bill. The purpose of the funds is to improve and implement technology programs in Alameda schools.

Board President Gregory Hamm stated, “We are proud to provide the Power Up for Learning option to our customers and to assist the Foundation and the District. Most importantly, we thank all our customers who have participated.”

Funds generated through Power Up for Learning may be used for a variety of measures, including online educational database development and research portals for students in the District. 



Alameda Unified School District Administrative Director of Maintenance Operations and Facilities Leland Noll (left) and Alameda Education Foundation Board member Judy Blank (right) receive a check in the amount of \$11,500 in customer contributions to the Power Up for Learning Program from Public Utilities Board President Gregory Hamm (center).

**To sign up for the program, go to  
<http://alamedaeducationfoundation.org/>**

# Public Utilities Board Elects Officers

At its regular meeting on July 20th, the City of Alameda's Public Utilities Board elected officers for the 2010 Fiscal Year. Mr. Gregory Hamm, Ph.D. was elected President, and Ms. Ann L. McCormick, P.E. was elected as the Board's Vice President.

Also serving on the Board are Commissioners Peter W. Holmes and John R. McCahan, along with Alameda's Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallant, as an ex-officio Commissioner. The Board reelected Mr. Girish Balachandran, General Manager of Alameda Municipal Power, as its Secretary.

The five-commissioner Board is established to control and manage Alameda Municipal Power. The Board is responsible for setting policies, approving major expenditures, and ensuring the supply of safe, reliable, and clean power services at competitive prices, all while maintaining a sound financial position. Meetings of the Board are held regularly on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, and are open to the public. 

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devices like computer monitors, DVD players, and coffee makers, draw power even when they're switched off, just by being plugged in and can account for 10% of a home's electricity use. Taking action like unplugging your devices when they aren't in use will help you cut back on your electric bill. Plugging bundled devices, such as TV, DVD, DVR, or computer and printer into the same power strip and then turning off the power strip will do the job. 

## CLIP and KEEP!

Important AMP contact numbers:

Customer Service..... 748-3900  
 After Hours/Emergency ..... 748-3902  
 TDD (hearing impaired) ..... 522-7538  
 E-mail..... info@alamedamp.com  
 Internet ..... www.alamedamp.com

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### PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

Gregory Hamm, Ph.D. President  
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 Peter W. Holmes, Commissioner  
 John R. McCahan, Commissioner  
 Ann Marie Gallant, Interim City Manager

### ALAMEDA MUNICIPAL POWER

Girish Balachandran, General Manager

# Coming Soon to Your Local Community—Public Power Week!

## Mark your calendars!

AMP celebrates National Public Power Week the first full week in October along with more than 2,000 other communities across the nation whose municipal electric systems provide their residents and businesses affordable, reliable power on a not-for-profit basis. Reliable. Local. Yours. That's what AMP public power is all about; an Alameda tradition that works.

Highlights of the week include public events, contests, a tour of AMP, and much more! Look for more information in your local papers and on our website at [www.alamedamp.com](http://www.alamedamp.com) coming in late September. 



# Third Party Notification Protection Plan

## Helping you prevent disconnection of service whenever possible

The Third Party Protection Plan is especially intended to protect customers who may be elderly, disabled, ill, require life-support equipment, or who have language and reading problems. It can also be beneficial for persons who live alone or who are absent from home for extended periods of time.



anyone you know—a relative, friend, social agency, civic organization—any person you choose.

Mailing the service disconnection notice to a third party does not obligate the third party to pay the bill or be responsible in any way for payment. However, it gives the third party

When you are on the Third Party Notification Protection Plan and you receive a service disconnection notice, we mail a copy of the notice to the third party you designate. This third party can be

ample time to take some form of action so that your service is not disconnected.

If you have any questions about the Third Party Protection Plan, please contact us at (510) 748-3900. 



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A Department of the City of Alameda

## Third Party Notification Application

To enroll, just complete the coupon and mail it to us at:

**Alameda Municipal Power  
 2000 Grand Street  
 Alameda, CA 94501**

**Please be sure to obtain the third party's signature**, as your application cannot be processed without it. Thank you.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Third Party Name \_\_\_\_\_

Third Party Address \_\_\_\_\_

Third Party City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Third Party Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Third Party Signature \_\_\_\_\_