



Get Your House in Shape During Energy Awareness Month



Did you know that the energy used in the average house each year causes twice as many greenhouse gas emissions as the average car? So energy efficient

changes in the home can have a significant environmental impact. And what could be a better time than National Energy Awareness Month to focus on ways to reduce your home's energy use!

Don't know where to begin? AMP is here to help get you started with a number of tools.

Conduct an Energy Audit

With an audit, you'll see how you are using energy today.

- Go online (www.alamedamp.com/save) to complete an online audit with AMP's Home Energy Calculator. This easy-to-use calculator provides you with estimates of energy use costs based on your inputs and allows you to perform energy-saving scenarios to pinpoint your opportunities for savings. More than 50 different electronic devices are covered in the calculator, from TVs and refrigerators to sleep apnea machines and whirlpool tubs.

- Borrow a Kill A Watt Monitor from the Alameda Free Library or the AMP Service Center to measure the energy usage of your appliances and electronics by the day, week, month, or the entire year. The monitor is easy to use and comes with worksheets and instructions to help you determine the energy costs for each device you test.
- Request a FREE in-home energy audit by an AMP energy auditor, who will recommend ways to specifically reduce your energy use and your costs. Just call 748-3900 to set up an appointment.



Start Making Changes in Your Home

- Start with your bulbs! Changing your lights bulbs is an easy place to start, especially since lighting accounts for approximately 12 percent of the average household's electric bill.



LED (light emitting diode) bulbs have dropped in price recently and, coupled with AMP's rebates for interior and exterior LEDs, now's a great time to buy. What's more, LED lighting can reduce your lighting costs by 50-90 percent!

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Compact fluorescents—or CFLs—use 75 percent less electricity than a regular bulb. To help you save money, bring in three of your used incandescent light bulbs to AMP’s Service Center along with your latest electric bill and we’ll give you three new CFLs absolutely free (limit three per Alameda household).

- Take a hard look at appliances and electronic equipment in your home. There are numerous home products that you can replace with ENERGY STAR products to increase energy savings—from refrigerators and dishwashers to clothes washer, TVs, ceiling fans and more. To help get you started, AMP will pay you \$100 to replace your old refrigerator or stand-alone freezer with a new ENERGY STAR refrigerator or freezer—and we’ll even haul away your old one for recycling.



3 Check Out AMP’s Website or Facebook Page

You can find energy efficiency tips and information on rebates at www.alamedamp.com/save or on our new Facebook page.



Remember, making your home more energy efficient can help reduce higher energy bills, improve comfort and help protect the environment—not just during National Energy Awareness Month in October but year-round. 🌱

CLIP and KEEP!

Important AMP contact numbers:

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COMING SOON: MY ENERGY ONLINE

In November, AMP will launch a new program, My Energy Online, where you’ll be able to learn more about your energy usage and how it compares to similar homes in Alameda. With our new interactive tools, you’ll discover ways to save energy and save money with personalized energy efficiency tips and insights.

Beware of Phony Bill Collectors

A scam targeting utility customers hit the Bay Area last month. In this latest scam, a caller pretending to represent AMP or PG&E tells people that they are behind on payments

and must electronically wire money or purchase a prepaid debit card from a



local retailer to avoid disconnection.

If you get a call demanding immediate payment on your account, be suspicious. AMP will never ask for credit/debit card numbers or money wires and only provides courtesy calls to accounts that are already delinquent. If you have any doubts, don’t give out any information. Please hang up and call an AMP customer service representative at 748-3900.

If you suspect you have become a victim of this scam, call your credit card company to cancel your card and call the Alameda Police Department to file a report. 🌱

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