



THINKING ABOUT SOLAR? AMP IS HERE TO HELP



Without a doubt, installing solar panels at your home is a major project and a big investment. With that in mind, we want to ensure that you have all the information you need to partner with AMP as a solar customer.

THINK ABOUT ENERGY EFFICIENCY FIRST

If you're thinking you may want to install solar, make energy efficiency your first step. By making energy-efficient upgrades to your home ahead of time, you may be able to save enough energy to purchase a smaller system and lower your solar installation costs.

You can request a free home energy audit from AMP by calling 510-748-3900. The audit will provide you with recommendations on how you can save energy at home.

RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Go to www.alamedamp.com/solar for details on the following topics:

- ▶ Working with AMP and your solar contractor as you install your solar generation system

- ▶ Exploring financing options for your system
- ▶ Finding a contractor
- ▶ Compensation and billing
- ▶ Key forms and documents you'll need to use and review

To learn more about how AMP can help you with the process of installing solar on your home, go to www.alamedamp.com/solar.

AMP'S NEW SOLAR COMPENSATION PLAN

In addition, take a look at AMP's new solar rates plan. In November, the Public Utilities Board approved the Eligible Renewable Generation (ERG) program, which replaces the existing Net Energy Metering (NEM) solar rates program.

Under ERG, customers will be paid with a bill credit for the excess energy they deliver to AMP's power grid. The bill credit will amount to the cost of the renewable energy that AMP won't need to buy, as a result of using the

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NEW DATE AND TIME FOR AMP'S STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2016 - 3 PM

AMP SERVICE CENTER

2000 GRAND STREET, ALAMEDA



STAY SAFE WHILE USING SPACE HEATERS

It's January, the time of year when space heaters may be on in your home, often at full blast. Here are a few key reminders on how you can safely use your heaters:

Don't use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. Use an outlet.

Once you finish using the heater, be sure to unplug it. Don't leave the heater plugged in.



Leave a space of 3 feet between your heater and items that can catch on fire, including furniture, papers and curtains.

You may be able to warm up your home by making upgrades to your home to save energy. Call AMP at 510-748-3900 to request a free home energy audit.

KEEPING ALAMEDA SAFE:

WOOD UTILITY POLE TESTING



cracks
rot and decay
holes
rock and hammer

soil conditions
depth
burn marks
knots

We'd like to give you a friendly reminder about our wood-pole testing project. To ensure safety, third-party contractors for AMP will examine wood power-line poles.

ACCESS TO PROPERTIES

The project starts in January and runs for approximately six-to-eight weeks. We may have to access properties to work in the utility easement.

IF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS AFFECTED

If your neighborhood is affected, you'll receive a mailing to let you know ahead of time. We will provide a courtesy knock before we enter properties. Thank you for your support as we keep our equipment safe for all Alamedans.

ALAMEDA PIERS GET EARTH-FRIENDLY LIGHTING

We have clean and green news to share! Energy-efficient LED lights were recently installed at the Alameda piers as part of Energy Plus, AMP's non-residential lighting and refrigeration energy efficiency program.

For this project, 67 old high-pressure sodium lights were retrofitted with LEDs on Piers 1, 2 and 3.



The city will get a rebate of about \$50,000. The energy cost savings will be \$38,000 per year! The old lights die young, with a lifetime of only four years. Compare that to the new LEDs, which have a lifetime of over 14 years.

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customer's solar energy.

The ERG will not affect customers in the net energy metering (NEM) program. They will stay in the NEM program for 20 years from their interconnect date.

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