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Replace Your Old Fridge or Freezer and Earn Cash!

Do you have an older, working refrigerator or freezer chugging away in your basement or garage? Chances are, it's wasting energy and costing you money. That's why AMP has partnered with Energy Star to help the planet and your pocketbook.

With AMP's Refrigerator and Freezer Rebate & Recycling Program, you can get a \$100 rebate for replacing and recycling your old refrigerator or stand-alone freezer with a new Energy Star labeled refrigerator (14 cubic feet or larger) or freezer (7.75 cubic feet or larger). AMP's recycler will haul away your old one for free.

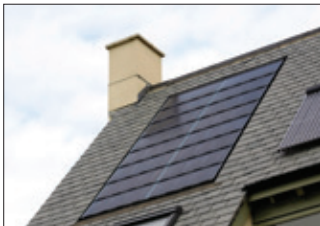



AMP will also pay you for your extra fridge or freezer

Tired of that old extra refrigerator or stand-alone freezer taking up space in your garage but don't know how to get rid of it? AMP's recycler will not only haul it away for you, we'll pay you \$35 for the privilege. Our recycler takes them to a specially designed recycling facility where they'll recycle nearly 95 percent of each appliance, while safely disposing of toxins and ozone-destroying gases in the foam insulation. For more information on this program, or to download an application, go to www.alamedamp.com. 

Are You Ready to Invest in Your Own Rooftop Solar System?

The decision to invest in solar panels for your home or business is complicated, but AMP can make it easier with our



new solar power web page. Here you'll find information on how to get started, financing options, finding a contractor, how to prepare your property, step-by-step instructions on completing the installation process, and compensation and billing. To get started, go to www.alamedamp.com/environment/installing-solar. 

Alameda's Historic Streetlights Are Getting a Makeover

684 of the historic streetlights that line the sidewalks of Alameda are getting a makeover this year.

Earlier this summer, AMP began restoring historic streetlights located throughout the city. Up to 60 streetlights per week will be refurbished until the project is completed later this year.



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Summertime's Here: Tips for Staying Safe



Here are some simple tips to keep you and your loved ones safe these summer months.

1. Call before you dig

Whether planting new trees, building a deck or installing a mailbox, never assume it's safe to dig. Call 811 at least three days in advance of digging. This enables utilities to mark the location of underground lines and helps protect you from potential injuries, fines and repair costs. The service is free.



2. Look up



Be aware of what's above when you're planning and carrying out a home project. Never use a metal ladder near power lines; never place any ladder where it could slip and touch power lines; and know your surroundings when trimming any trees with an extendable tree pruner or power saw. Never trim trees near power lines. If you see a tree growing too near power lines, call AMP at (510) 748-3900 to report it. And keep yourself and your tools at least 10 feet from any power lines.

3. Play safe

Keep electric cords away from pools and hot tubs. Teach your kids not to fly kites, model airplanes or release metallic balloons around power lines. Never climb a utility pole and never attach anything to a utility pole. Make sure kids aren't plugging in electrical devices, like handheld video games, while wet. And teach them to stay clear of substations and downed power lines. ☑



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Streets affected include Buena Vista, Lincoln, Encinal, Broadway, High, Santa Clara, Marina, Windsor, Cambridge, Eagle, 2nd, and Grand. To maintain effective lighting levels, AMP will only work on non-adjacent streetlights. Each streetlight will be restored within seven days.

Nearby residents and businesses will receive written notice approximately 48 hours in advance of when the streetlights in their neighborhood will be refurbished. Streets, sidewalks, front yards and driveways may be impacted during construction.

For more information, call AMP's customer service representatives at (510) 748-3900 or visit AMP's website to view the schedule. ☑

Celebrate AMP's 127th Anniversary with a Big Scoop of Marshmallow Megavolt



AMP turns 127 years old on July 11 and to celebrate, Tucker's Ice Cream is bringing back Marshmallow Megavolt for a limited time! Tucker's created this special flavor in 2012 to celebrate AMP's 125th anniversary. With its memorable combination of smooth lemon marshmallow, Irish crème, and espresso bits, you'll crave more scoops all summer long. ☑

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