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AMU's Offers "Pull the Plug on Energy Hogs" Rebate Program

They take up space in the house, garage, or basement. When plugged in, these energy hogs suck up enough juice to send your electric bill into the stratosphere. Now, Algonia Municipal Utilities is offering its electric customers a chance to get rid of that old refrigerator and freezer through its "Pull the Plug on Energy Hogs" rebate program.

On May 2nd and 3rd, between the hours of 8 AM and 7 PM, AMU employees will pickup old refrigerators and freezers from custom-



ers' houses to be recycled. Customers would be limited to two working refrigerators and freezers and will be mailed a \$25.00 rebate per working unit. Customers must call AMU at 295-3584 to schedule a pickup.

According to ENERGY STAR, the average refrigerator is 10 years old or older and contains about 120 pounds of recyclable steel. The energy saved by recycling the refrigerator or freezer amounts to almost 290

kilowatt-hours. It's estimated that old inefficient refrigerators and freezers can cost \$70 to \$120 dollars more per year to run that energy efficiency models.

For more information on AMU'S "Pull the Plug on Energy Hogs" rebate program, call Algonia Municipal Utilities at 295-3584 or stop at AMU in downtown Algonia.



AMU Cable TV Adds to HD Line-up

AMU Cable TV has added two networks to the HD tier - Lifetime and Planet Green.

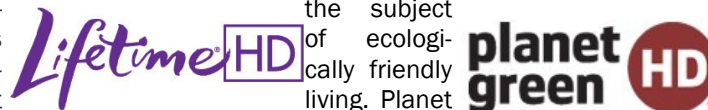
Lifetime HD is a diverse, of - fers high-est qual-ity entertainment and information programming content that celebrates, entertains and supports women. Through its award-winning public affairs initiatives, the Company also

advocates a wide range of issues affecting women and their families.

Planet Green and is the first channel dedicated to the subject of ecologically friendly living. Planet Green has many series either already airing or in the works. Some of these shows include celebrities such as: Emeril Lagasse, Adrian Grenier, Leonardo Di-caprio, Ludacris, Tommy

Lee, Tom Bergeron, Su-Chin Pak, Maria Menounos, Bob Woodruff and Tom Green.

Planet Green HD is located on channel 342 and Lifetime HD is located on channel 343 in the HD tier. To upgrade to the HD tier, call AMU at 295-3584 and ask for the Communications Department.



Thinking About Building a Grain Bin?

If you're planning to build or move a grain bin, either on your property or for someone else, you need to be familiar with Iowa's law on required distances from overhead electric lines. The law was put in place to provide protection from the hazard of contacting overhead electric lines to anyone working around grain bins with augers, elevators, or other equipment.



any grain bin and any overhead electric lines. These distances were developed by the American National Standards Institute and can be found in the 2007 "National Electrical Safety

Code," Rule 234F.

As your electric service provider, AMU is responsible for ensuring that these specifications are met. In fact, AMU is prohibited by the Iowa Utilities Board from providing electric service in any situation where minimum clearance requirements are not observed.

So if a new grain bin is on your list of projects, please give AMU a call at 295-3584.

Slow the Flow on Watering Lawns & Gardens

Spring is here and many are preparing gardens and yards. At least 30% of water used annually by households is for outdoor irrigation. This is a good time to think about water conservation.

- 1. Add a 3 inch layer of mulch around flowers, shrubs, and trees to retain moisture and discourage the growth of weeds.

- 2. Younger, smaller plants require less water to become established.



your lawnmower to cut grass higher. This helps protect roots from heat stress and reduces the loss of moisture to evaporation.

- 3. Select plants that are native to our region that can thrive with little or no extra watering.
- 4. Adjust the height of

- 5. Install drip-irrigation or soaker hoses for more efficient watering of your plants and trees.
- 6. Water your lawn and landscape early in the morning.

KITES & POWER LINES

Spring is here, and kids are spending more time outdoors. Remember that kites, balloons, and power lines don't mix.

Balloons can cause thousands of dollars of damage when they come in contact with power lines. Balloons can short out conductors cause power outages, voltage fluctuations, and electrical fires.

Kites and power lines have long been a danger-

ous combination. Kites should never be flown near power lines. Kites should be made out of dry string, power, and wood. Do not use any metal when making kites. Metal and wet string are excellent paths for electricity.

The best advice on balloons and kites: **KEEP THEM AWAY FROM POWER LINES.**

**GET A
REALITY CHECK
AT I WIRELESS**

MEGAtalk
PAY IN ADVANCE

*Some conditions apply.

**STOP BY
AMU
TO GET
DETAILS!**

Save With AMU Business Communications Services:

Algonia businesses looking to save money on their communications services can contact Algonia Municipal Utilities. AMU can provide a business with Cable TV, high speed Internet and telephone services at prices that are affordable for any small business.



Call AMU at 295-3584 and ask Bob Jennings to do a cost comparison on your most recent communications bill to see how you may be able to save money with AMU Communications



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Community Benefit!
That's Our
Commitment to You,
Our Customer and
Owner!*