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Water Conservation Starts At Home

You turn on the tap and you get water. You don't think about water conservation, but maybe its time.



Did you know by letting the water run while brushing your teeth, saving, or washing dishes you can waste 3 to 5 gallons a minute. That adds up to about 20,000 wasted gallons a year in the home. A 10 minute shower averages to 40 to 50 gallons of water. Watering a lawn can average to 350 gallons a day.

You can take simple steps at home to save wa-

ter. Indoor water conservation starts with making repair leaking pipes and faucets. Only run the dishwasher when its full. Set the washing machine for the appropriate level. Don't run the water while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your hands. Take shorter showers and install a water-saving showerhead. Store a pitcher of water in the refrigerator for drinking so you won't have to let the faucet run to get cold water.

Your lawn doesn't need as much water as you think. Water the lawn only when needed. Watering the lawn early in the morning allows the lawn to re-

tain the moisture longer. Don't water gutters and sidewalks. Check hoses and couplings for leaks. Mulch around trees and shrubs to slow evaporation. An important step in using water wisely is to maintain irrigation systems properly. Inspect your system for broken, crooked, or clogged nozzles and repair or replace them.

An average of 150 gallons of water are used while washing a car. Use a bucket of soapy water to wash the car, and use a hose only for rinsing.

Cleaning driveways and patios uses an average of 150 gallons of water. Use a broom instead.

Iowa Hawkeye Football Games To Be Televised

Iowa football fans will be able to see their beloved Hawkeyes several times this year.



The Big Ten Network will broadcast the season opener when the University of Northern Iowa travels to Kinnick Stadium to take on the Hawks September 5th. The broadcast will start at 11 a.m.

The Hawks travel to Ames on September 12th to take on intrastate rival Iowa State.

That game will start at 11 a.m. on Fox Sports Net.

The Arizona Wildcats take on the Hawks at Kinnick Stadium on September 19th. Iowa will travel to Penn State on September 26th for a game to be televised on ABC or ESPN.



Tentative TV plans for October include the Iowa vs Michigan game on October 10th with coverage on ABC or ESPN, the Iowa vs. Wiscon-

sin game on October 17th on ESPN, ESPN2 or the Big Ten Network, and the Iowa vs. Michigan State Game on October 24th on the Big Ten Network.



AMU Cable TV customers can watch the Big Ten Network on channel 29 and in HD on channel 314. ESPN is on AMU Cable TV channel 31 and in HD on channel 330, and ESPN2 is on AMU Cable TV Channel 32 and in HD on channel 332.

NFL Network To Air All 65 Preseason Games In HD

Preseason NFL Football is just around the corner, and the NFL Network has announced it will air all 65 preseason games, all in HD.



Twelve of the games will be aired live on the NFL Network, starting with a double header on August 14th, The St Louis Rams vs the New York Jets game at 6 p.m. followed by the

Denver Broncos vs the San Francisco 49ers at 9 a.m.

The NFL Network has also announced its 2009 Primetime Football schedule:

- Nov. 12: Chicago @ San Francisco
- Nov. 19: Miami @ Carolina
- Nov. 26: N.Y. Giants @ Denver
- Dec. 3: N.Y. Jets @ Buffalo
- Dec. 10: Pittsburgh @ Cleveland
- Dec. 17: Indy @ Jacksonville
- Dec. 19: Dallas at New Orleans
- Dec. 25: San Diego at Tennessee

All regular season prime-

time games shown on the NFL Network will begin at 7 p.m. CT.



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the NFL Network located in its expanded basic tier on channel 29. AMU HD Expanded TV customers can watch the NFL HD Network on cable channel 335.

i wireless To Offer New Text and Web Plans

i wireless has introduced two new monthly plans to please texters and web browsers who don't need much talktime.

i wireless now offers a wide-area monthly plan, including 100 talktime minutes, mobile-to-mobile, and unlimited text for just \$19.95 per month.

For those wishing to access the web on the go, customers have the option to add a Mobile Web feature which gives i wireless customers the opportunity to browse the web, send and receive email, and use Instant Messaging. The Mobile Web option, paired with 100 talktime minutes, mobile-to-mobile, and unlimited text will cost \$29.90 a month.

The text and mobile plans will be available with a two-year agreement or as a monthly contract. For those interested in a family plan or more minutes, i wireless offers the option to add an unlimited texting feature for \$9.95 per month on individual plans and \$19.95 a month on plans with multiple lines.

Stop at AMU, your local i wireless dealer, at 104 W. Call Street to get the details.

HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM TIPS



Are you doing all you can to maintain your home's heating

and cooling system? Have you changed your air filter in the last 3 months? Have you installed a programmable thermostat? Have you inspected your duct system for signs of leaks? Have you had your heating and cooling equipment inspected by a professional in the last year?

As much as half of the energy used in a home goes to heating and cooling. Making smart decisions about your home's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system can have a big effect on your utility bills.

Change your filter regularly, at the minimum every three months. A dirty filter slows down air flow and makes the system work harder.

A programmable thermostat is ideal for people who are away from home

during set periods of time. It can save you about \$180 every year in energy costs.

A yearly inspection of your heating and cooling system by a professional can improve efficiency and comfort.

Ducts that move air to and from a forced air furnace or central air conditioner are often big energy wasters. Sealing and insulating ducts can improve efficiency by as much as 20%.

What To Do When Near A Fallen Power Line

Fallen power lines can hurt or kill you, even if they don't spark. If you see a fallen power line, don't touch anything or anyone in contact with a power line. You could be shocked by contact with the line or a secondary object.

Shuffle your feet together, don't run, from a fallen power line. Voltage lessens as it travels from the center where the live wire is touching the ground



as electricity travels in all directions. Running or taking large steps increases the chances of being shocked.

If the line comes in con-

tact on or near your vehicle, stay inside the car. When inside the vehicle, you are not part of the electricity's path to the ground. Don't touch metal parts inside the vehicle. Warn those coming near the car to stay away and ask them to call 911. Do not leave your car until qualified electrical workers turn off the power and tell you it's safe to leave the vehicle.



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