



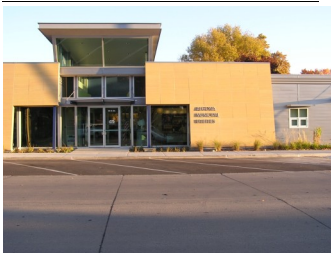
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Algonia's West Water Tower To Get New Look

Contractors have begun working on giving the west water tower in Algonia a new look. Utility Services Company, Inc. of Perry, Georgia, began working on the project during the week of July 24th.

John Bilsten, AMU General Manager, said Utility Services bid the project in the amount of \$348,000.00. The bid includes complete sandblasting and recoating of the interior and exterior of the water tower along with several safety and structural improvements to the tower.

"The cost of the project is small compared to replacement costs for this



size of water tower," said Bilsten. "The completed tower will serve Algonia well for many years to come."

The existing paint on the water tower is lead

based. As a result, the entire water tower will be covered during most of the project to contain the paint and provide a safe environment for neighbors in the area.

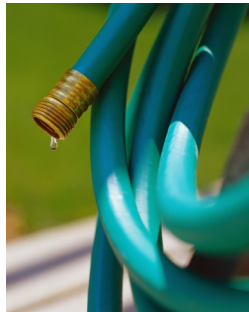
The water tower will be painted cloud white with new graphics saying "Welcome to Algonia." The letters will be painted in red and blue, and the words will face east for people to see as they drive west in the downtown area.

The water tower will be out of service for approximately 60 days. The project should be completed by October 15, 2011.

Conserve Water On Hot, Sunny Days

It's hot outside. With the heat, many are watering lawns and plants.

The best time to water a lawn is between 5 and 9 a.m. Watering landscape plants and lawns in the morning allows the water to soak into the soil without the loss of evaporation.



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

Promote deep root growth with proper watering, aerating, fertilization, and grass clipping control.

Aerate clay soils at least once a year to help the soil absorb and retain moisture.

Help conserve water by not watering your sidewalks or watering in the rain. Use drip-irrigation or soaker hoses for a more efficient way to water around planting beds and beneath shrubs and trees,

About 30 percent of water used annually by a single-family household is for outdoor irrigation. Using less water means less energy is used to treat and distribute it. By conserving water, you are helping maintain our natural re-

August Is A Great Time To Get A Premium Network

August is a great time to sit and watch a movie or a special event on one of several premium channels featured on AMU Cable TV.

Starting August 7th, *The Karate Kid* will be featured on Starz. A 12-year-old boy from Detroit lands in China with his mom, falls for a local girl, and immediately makes enemies - then meets kung fu master Mr. Han, who will teach him martial arts. Starring Jaden Smith, this movie is rated PG.



August. Life in beautiful Jellystone Park is pretty good for the ever scheming (and hungry) Yogi Bear and his pal Boo-Boo. But with Jellystone facing a commercial threat, it's up to Yogi to help Ranger Smith save the day. Featuring the voice of Dan Aykroyd, Yogi Bear is rated PG.



Looking for action in August, then turn to Cinemax. *The A-Team's* Hannibal, Face, Murdock, and B.A. Baracus



work to prove they were framed in a counterfeiting scheme while leaving loads of destruction in their wake. This movie is rated PG-13.

Don't forget Showtime is home to top notch boxing. Joseph Agbeko vs. Abner Mares go toe to toe in a bantamweight tournament fight on August 13th.



If you don't have a premium channel, it's easy to get. Call AMU to upgrade to get the premium channel and it's multiplexes for a monthly fee.

AMU Is Proud Member of the Community of Algona

"Community Owned for Community Benefit" is more than a slogan for Algona Municipal Utilities. It's our promise to provide quality service to you our customer.



AMU knows local. We have local

employees providing quick and efficient service, and the money you spend on your communications bill stays in Algona at a local company.

Switching your communications services to AMU has a positive impact on our community. At AMU, Local matters. That's why Algona Municipal Utilities is "Community Owned for Community Benefit". That's our commitment to you, our customer and owner.

Safety Is Key When Trimming Trees

With summer comes yard work. AMU reminds residents to be careful when trimming trees.



Check for power lines before you start trimming. Serious injury could result if you or the branches being trimmed come in contact with an energized line. Licensed, qualified tree trimmers should

work near high voltage lines. Don't take the risk.

Make sure to stay away from downed power lines. Assume all downed lines are energized. Call AMU if you see a downed line. Downed power lines can cause serious injury. Stay away from anything touching the line. Shuffle with your feet together on the ground to get away from a fallen line. Don't run from a fallen line, this will help lessen the

chance of a potential electrical shock.

If a power line comes in contact with your vehicle while you're in it, stay in the car. Do not touch any part of the electricity's path to the ground. Do not touch metal parts of the vehicle, such as radio knobs. Wait until utility crews have turned off the power and tell you it is safe to leave the vehicle. Warn people coming near the car to stay away and call 911.

AMU Energy Efficiency Programs

The efficient use of energy is important to Algona Municipal Utilities. AMU offers rebates to encourage the purchase of more efficient electric appliances.

The use of lighting is a constant presence in everyday life. Energy efficient lighting can be the most cost-effective and easiest way to conserve energy in the home



and in businesses. In homes, lighting can consume 15% of a household's electricity use. AMU supports "Change a Light, Change the World" program, sponsored by Energy Star®.

Customers of Algona Municipal Utilities receive a bimonthly magazine that provides them with natural resource saving ideas. Eco@Home (Eco at Home) is designed to give readers ideas on how to consume gas, electricity and water more efficiently, saving dollars and

our planet.

Green City Energy is a new program from Algona Municipal Utilities. Algona is actively pursuing renewable energy because renewable energy makes a difference for Iowa's environment, economy, and energy independence

For more information on AMU's energy efficiency programs, contact Steve Kojewski at 295-3584.



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