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Antenna TV, Cool TV, KIMT Weather Added to AMU Cable TV; ME-TV Replacing KCCI Weather Now

AMU Cable TV has added three new channels to the Digital Basic tier.

“The Cool TV” Network is now on channel 238. The Cool TV is a multicast TV network that showcases music artist from the most popular music genres. The Cool TV is affiliated with KDSM in Des Moines.

Antenna TV is on channel 239. It features classic TV programming with a slant to comedies. Classic programs to be featured include *Maude*, *Good Times*, *Sanford and Son*, *All in the Family* and *Married with Children*, to name just a few of the familiar titles. The regular schedule is also heavy on *The 3*

Stooges and *Benny Hill* on Friday and Saturday nights. Select Cubs and Whites Sox games will also be telecast. Antenna TV is affiliated with WHO TV in Des Moines.

KIMT-DT3 is a full-time 24-hour local weather channel. KIMT Weather is on channel 245.

KCCI has announced that it will replace Weather Now with ME-TV on July 1st. Weather Now is located on channel 10 in the Basic Tier and channel 247 in the Digital Basic Tier. ME-TV features a wide range of classic television programming including: M*A*S*H, Perry Mason, The Mary Tyler More

Show, Cheers, The Dick Van Dyke Show, and the original series of Hawaii Five-O. KCCI says it has no plans to continue Weather Now, but will have weather updates two times per hour.



Algona Municipal Utilities is proud to serve the community of Algona with communications services. The additional networks continue to enhance the cable TV service run by your locally owned municipal utility.

Keep Cost Down During Electric Peak Demands

Electricity is used more during certain times of the day. During the summer, electric peak times most often occur during noon and dusk. The cost to meet demand during peak times can be significant due to expensive generating equipment and fuel.



AMU electric customers can help minimize peak electrical demand and reduce electric bills by following some simple steps.

1. On hot days, major appliances, such as clothes washers and dryers and dish washers, should be used in the morning or late in the evening.

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3. Set the air conditioner thermostat at no lower than 78 degrees.

More information on saving money during summer months can be found at www.energystar.gov.



Tune-Up Your Air Conditioner Unit

It's time for an AC tune-up.

An AC tune-up includes several steps. The outdoor and indoor units are both cleaned to remove dirt or debris that can restrict air flow, improving the efficiency of the unit.

Refrigerant levels are checked and adjusted to be within the specifications of the manufacturer. Various mechanical components will be inspected for wear and possible failure.

You as a homeowner can also do maintenance to the AC system, but you need to be careful not to damage the unit.

First disconnect the power to any electrically powered equipment before working on it.

1. Remove the top grate and fan to gain access to the inside of the outdoor unit.
2. Remove leaves and debris from both inside and outside the unit's heat

exchanger—aluminum fins and tubing.

3. Take a hose and spray the coils from the inside of the unit out to push any dirt that has lodged into the coils.

4. Do not to bend or damage the fins or coils.

5. Change the furnace filter every three months at a minimum and keep a majority of the house vents open for proper air flow.

Call Iowa One Call Before You Dig



Don't forget to call Iowa One Call before starting outdoor projects.

Iowa law requires that any homeowner,

professional, public or private entity, planning to engage in any form of excavation within the state of Iowa must notify the Iowa One Call notification system 48 hours prior to excavating. The required 48 hours advance notice does not include Saturdays and Sundays or legal holidays.

The Iowa One Call notification system is a free service. Call 1-800-292-8989 or 811.

Iowa One Call is funded by owners and operators of underground facilities who are required by law to belong to the system.

Save Energy At Home While On Vacation

Summer is vacation time. You can save money on your home energy bills while away.



Adjusting settings on your appliances and electronic devices while away help save money.

Unless you have a tankless

unit, the water heater will continue heating water while you're away. Adjust the temperature setting as low as possible to reduce standby heat loss.

Refrigerators are one of the biggest energy users in a home. Conserve energy by adjusting the thermostat on your refrigerator and freezer to higher settings—38°F for the refrigerator, and 5°F for the freezer. For trips lasting four weeks or more, consider

emptying the refrigerator and unplugging it.

Turn off the air conditioner or set it at 85°F or higher. If you have a programmable thermostat, set it to vacation mode.

Install timers on indoor and outdoor lights and set them to turn the lights on for a few hours each night.

Unplug electronic devices to avoid phantom loads while your away.

Plant Trees in the Right Place

Selecting the right tree and the right place to plant it is an important decision; especially when it comes to placement near overhead utility lines.



the tree once it reaches maturity. Never select a medium or large tree for planting near overhead utility lines.

Use the 20-20 rule. Only trees and shrubs up to 20 feet tall at maturity should be planted within 20 feet of a power line. If the tree reaches 20 feet or more at maturity, it should not be planted under a power line or within 20 feet of the power line.

Choose the right place to plant your tree by sketching your yard. Account for all structures, above and below

ground, and existing plants. Call Iowa One Call 48 hours before you begin to dig to have your yard marked for underground utilities. You can call Iowa One Call by dialing 811.

When planting near AMU utility boxes, keep shrubs and structures 10 feet away from the access door and three feet from the other sides. Make sure you trim back plantings so they keep the minimum distance from the utility box.



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