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Save Energy and Money with CFL Bulbs

Saving money and energy this year can be as simple as installing an ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL). Through December 16, 2011, Algonia Municipal Utilities is encouraging Iowa residents to “Be Bright” one light, one step at a time by replacing their standard light bulbs with ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs. By changing to energy efficient CFLs, a household can save more than \$60 a year in energy costs, reducing utility bills as well as saving energy and preserving the environment.



For a limited time, Algonia Municipal Utilities is

helping its residential electric customers make the simple switch to energy-efficient lighting by offering reduced prices on ENERGY STAR qualified CFL purchases of 12

bulbs or less. The bulbs are available at participating North Iowa Lumber/Hardware Hank, Fareway, and Hy-Vee. The

program is being held in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) national “ENERGY STAR Be Bright” campaign.

Not only do ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs use up to 75 percent less en-

ergy than typical incandescent light bulbs, CFLs also offer superior performance by lasting up to 10 times longer than their old-fashioned counterparts. Today’s CFLs provide bright, warm light and require replacement far less often, saving consumers and businesses both time and money.

Lighting products that earn the ENERGY STAR offer extra safety and convenience features as well. CFLs generate approximately 75 percent less heat than standard incandescent lighting, which means they are cooler to

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AMU Asks Customers to Keep Meters Accessible

Winter is approaching, and AMU is asking property owners to take safety measures for the AMU meter reader.

Once a month, an Algonia Municipal Utilities meter reader comes to your home to record the reading on the AMU electric and water meters. Sometimes the meter reader encounters difficult situations due to winter weather.

During the winter season, AMU asks customers to clear snow and ice from around the

meters for quick and safe access. If the meter is located inside a fenced area, please leave the gate unlocked and opened.

Providing access to your electric and water meters allows Algonia Municipal Utilities to ensure reliable service and safe operations.

AMU will be closed the following days in November:

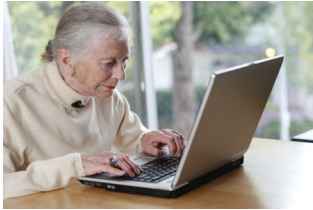
November 11th for Veteran’s Day

November 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving.

| NOVEMBER 2011 | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

INTERNET: WHAT SPEED DO I NEED

If you're considering installing AMU broadband Internet, you need to consider what speed is suitable for you.



AMU Internet customers may choose from four speeds: 128 Kbps, 1 Mbps, 7 Mbps, or 15 Mbps.

128 Kbps is \$22.95 per month. If you rarely use the Internet and need to check email, 128 Kbps may be right for you. It, however, has its limits. You could exceed its

capabilities without realizing it by visiting image heavy web pages, listening to audio files or emailing pictures and gaming. While 128 Kbps seems slow to most users, it's ten times faster than dial-up Internet.

1 Mbps is \$31.95 per month is useful for website and light video streaming. It takes 0.8 seconds to load a web page and 40 seconds to download a five minute music file at maximum speed.

7 Mbps is \$35.95 per

month and is common in homes and small businesses. It is more suitable if you watch a lot of online video content, use VOIP, play online games, file share or if you have more than computer using the same connection.

15 Mbps is \$49.95 per month and is the most common in business. The downloading of audio files, web pages and email will be almost instantaneous and video streaming is far quicker.

For information on AMU High Speed Internet call AMU at 295-3584.

NFL Thursday Night Football Starts November 10th

The NFL Network will air eight live games, including one on Thanksgiving, beginning November 10th. Each NFL



Network telecast will feature a live, two-hour pregame show and a one-hour post game show will wrap up the action interviews, highlights, and press conferences. All games will start at 7 p.m.

- Thursday, November 10**
Oakland @ San Diego
- Thursday, November 17**
New York Jets @ Denver
- Thursday, November 24**
San Francisco @ Baltimore
- Thursday, December 1**
Philadelphia @ Seattle
- Thursday, December 8**
Cleveland @ Pittsburgh
- Thursday, December 15**
Jacksonville @ Atlanta
- Saturday, December 17**
Dallas @ Tampa Bay
- Thursday, December 22**
Houston @ Indianapolis

AMU Cable TV features the NFL Network on channels 30 (SD) and 315 (HD).

Winterize Your Home Before the First Snow

It won't be long until the temperature drops and the snow is falling. Now is the time to get



your home winterized before the landscape turns white,

Have your heating system inspected and cleaned to make sure it

runs efficiently. Don't forget to change the furnace filter at the beginning of the heating season and once a month thereafter.

Inspect ductwork in the attic or basement for leaks. Insulate ductwork in unheated areas to increase energy efficiency.

Inspect windows and doors and replace loose weather-stripping or cracked caulking.

Install a programmable thermostat. It's inexpensive and can save you money on heating costs by adjusting the temperature inside the home automatically.

Save Energy and Money with CFL Bulbs

Continued from Page 1 the touch. With the wide variety of CFL shapes, sizes and styles available, energy-efficient lighting can be used throughout the home all year round.

Most people want to do their part to help the environment, but they simply don't know where to start. Choosing ENERGY STAR qualified lighting for the home is a simple action everyone can take to save

time, energy and money, and help preserve our environment for future generations.

Your guide to purchasing CFLs

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| Warm White, Soft White The standard color of incandescent bulbs. | Cool White, Neutral, Bright White Good for kitchens and work spaces. | Natural or Daylight Good for reading. |
| 2700K | 3000K | 3500K |
| | | 4100K |
| | | 5000K |
| | | 6500K |



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