



Leading the Way in Renewable Energy



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Building on more than 122 years of experience, Alameda Municipal Power is a locally owned utility and leading the way on delivering renewable power to the community. We're proud to provide electric service that is 55% renewable; one of the greenest utilities in America. Now we're getting even more green; our new project the Ox Mountain Landfill was placed into operation in April and increases AMP's renewable portfolio to 62%! Customers can be proud of

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The Ox Mountain Landfill project is one of the largest in the Bay Area. Located in the Half Moon Bay area of California, the project produces 11.4 megawatts of renewable energy. The project helps reduce the need for energy from traditional power plants fueled by fossil fuels. Through our partnership with Ameresco, who designed and built the system, AMP and the City of Palo Alto will have a combined 18 megawatts of renewable energy in their portfolios which have the following "green" benefits:

- Powering more than 7,500 average-size homes
- Taking 154,450 cars off the road
- Preventing the use of 1,631,250 barrels of coal

The Ox Mountain Landfill has been part of the Half Moon Bay community since 1976 and will continue for another 35 years. Republic Services (formerly Allied Waste), the landfill owner, has been committed to collecting the landfill gas to reduce methane emissions (a potent greenhouse gas) and odors. To further enhance the landfill, Republic Services and Ameresco are working in partnership to use the landfill gas, a fuel source currently being wasted.

What is landfill gas?

Landfill gas is created when organic waste in landfills decomposes. Garbage contains significant portions of organic materials that produce a variety of gaseous products inside landfills. Certain bacteria thrive in the landfill's oxygen-free environment and aid in the decomposition process, which results in the production of gases – primarily carbon dioxide and methane (the principal component of gas). Methane migrates out of the landfill as a gas and can be captured, converted, and used as an energy source. Landfill gas is the only renewable energy source that, when used, directly prevents atmospheric pollution. 

Balloons, Kites and Power Lines Don't Mix!

Spring is here and graduation is nearing, but we all need to remember; kites, balloons, and blustery winds are a dangerous combination when near power lines! In the past, balloons have caused thousands of dollars of damage when they have contacted power lines. When balloons contact power lines, they short out conductors, causing power outages, voltage fluctuations, and electrical fires. Burning lines can fall and cause death or injury. The best advice on balloons and kites is the same: keep them away from power lines.

Kites and power lines have long been a dangerous combination. Kites should be

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AMP Increases Revenue Certificate Bond Rating

Standard & Poor's, the international credit rating agency, has upgraded Alameda Municipal Power's Electric System Revenue Certificates of Participation – Series 2000 from "A-" to "A" and Fitch Ratings Ltd. (Fitch), issued an "A- Positive" rating.

Fitch affirmed that AMP provides the citizens of Alameda with a power supply that is competitively priced and has a diversified mix of qualified renewable resources that make it well positioned to meet state mandates now and in the future. The improved Rating Outlook reflects the sale of the telecommunications business line and was a positive factor in the rating review.

AMP is currently undertaking a cost of service study as a foundation for future consideration of a rate adjustment to ensure rates are equitable among classes and revenues align with legal and business requirements. AMP anticipates that sound



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flown away from television and radio antennae, as well as power lines. Make them only with dry string, paper, and wood. Don't use any metal! Also, they should be flown in dry weather only. Metal and wet string are excellent paths for electricity, and their contact with power lines can be fatal.

The price of a power outage is secondary to the far greater potential for severe injury or death resulting from electric shock. Please help us safeguard all children by cautioning that balloons, kites, and power lines never mix.

Alameda Municipal Power asks parents to remind their children of the following safety tips regarding power lines:

- Avoid physical contact with any electric-power lines. Never try to retrieve any object that is touching a power line. Parents to call Alameda Municipal Power (510-748-3902) to report any objects caught in a line.
- When flying kites or playing with balloons, stay away from overhead power lines. Strings wrapped around electric cables can result in injuries, short circuits and power outages.

CLIP and KEEP!

Important AMP contact numbers:

Customer Service 748-3900
After Hours/Emergency 748-3902
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- Before climbing a tree, look carefully to see if power lines have been routed between branches. If so, play elsewhere.

WE WANT TO KEEP YOU SAFE!



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business practices will be used to maintain debt service coverage ratios in excess of the legally required rate covenant value.

The certificate upgrade is a testament to the proactive, focused leadership and hard work undertaken by the Public Utilities Board, City staff, and AMP over the years. Working hard to provide reliable, responsive, and reasonable service, AMP continues to guide the financial stability of our local utility in today's emerging energy markets. AMP will continue to present information to the rating agencies that document the strength of our business, power supply portfolio and community.

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