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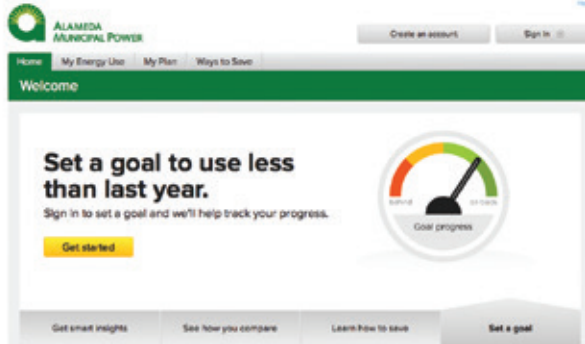
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In 2014, Here's One Resolution You Can Keep: Waste Less Energy

New Year's resolutions can be hard to keep but with AMP's new interactive web portal, My Energy, we can help you keep your resolution to use energy wisely and save money on your electric bill. To get started, go to www.alamedamp.com/myenergy and log on. You'll need your AMP account number for your first visit.

On your personalized page, you'll see how your electricity use compares to 100 similarly sized homes



30-second home energy audit.

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in Alameda, how your energy use changes over time, and savings tips based on your energy use patterns and characteristics of your home. You can set targets for savings and even conduct an automated

10 Ways to Save on Your Electric Bill

Electric bills tend to go up during the winter, but there are number of things you can do to keep costs under control. Below are ten tips to help you waste less energy while you save on your electric bill.

1



Replace your most used light bulbs with CFLs or LEDs. Replacing even just the light bulbs of the two or three most used lights in your house with CFLs or LEDs can result in a

drop of \$40 per light bulb over the course of its lifetime.

3



Wash clothes in cold water. Heating the water in the wash drum accounts for 90% of the energy your machine uses.

Washing in cold saves energy and helps keep your clothes from fading.

2



Use appliances strategically. Using your appliances strategically can be helpful when striving to lower your electric bill. For example,

drying loads of clothing consecutively rather than waiting between loads minimizes energy consumption because the unit remains warmer longer.

4



Choose a drying cycle that uses the moisture sensor rather than the timer. Moisture sensors

monitor laundry dryness and stop the drying when moisture is gone. Not only does this save time

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and energy costs, it also prevents over drying that may cause clothes to shrink.

5



Unplug devices that you're not using – especially when you go on vacation. When you return, plug in items only as you need them.

6



Use power strips for your electronic equipment. Many electronics consume energy even when you're not using them. Plugging

chargers, computers and printers into power strips lets you turn them off with one switch. Better yet, use a smart power strip. It turns off automatically when devices are not in use.

7



Use computer and game console power management features. Factory default settings are not

always the most efficient, so check settings and adjust if needed. Turn off your computer or game when finished to save even more.

8



Temperature control is the key to saving energy with a portable heater. Look for heaters with multiple output settings, so you can choose

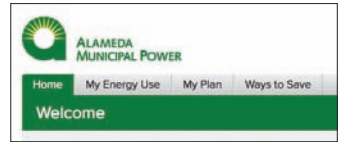
the lowest setting that keeps a room comfortable.

9



Use AMP's online Home Energy Calculator at www.alamedamp.com to compare how much it costs to operate your home appliances and lighting.

10



Track your energy usage on AMP's interactive web portal, My Energy. To learn more, go to www.alamedamp.com/myenergy.

Third Party Notification

Missing a payment can happen to all of us, but it's a special concern for seniors, those who may be seriously ill or in the hospital, those who have a reading or language difficulty, or those who frequently travel out of the country. AMP's third party notification program can help avoid any misunderstandings and serves as a safety net to keep your power from being disconnected.



When you enroll in this free program, you'll have peace of mind knowing that someone of your choosing will be notified by AMP if your electric service is going to be disconnected for nonpayment. Your designated contact will not be responsible for paying your bill but can help remind you that your bill is due.

To learn more or to download an application, visit AMP's website or call one of our Customer Service Representatives at (510) 748-3900.

AMP's Annual Planning Workshop

Come learn more about AMP at our Annual Planning Workshop on Monday, January 27 at 4 p.m. at AMP's Service Center, 2000 Grand Street. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what the utility plans for 2014 and beyond. Issues related to long-term planning, advanced technologies, and changes to the workforce will be discussed. Meeting materials can be found on AMP's website.



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