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Winter Conservation Tips

Below are several energy saving measures to save heat & electricity. You can also visit <https://energy.gov/energysaver> for additional tips and information.

-  Use LED holiday lights.
-  Turn the lights off in unoccupied rooms.
-  Use lamps in the evenings.
-  Change light bulbs to LED bulbs.
-  During the winter open your curtains to let the warm sunlight in during the day and then close them at night to retain the heat.
-  Seal air leaks and insulate your home.
-  Replace the air filter in your furnace.
-  Install a programmable thermostat that will automatically turn the heat down when you are asleep or out of the house.



Are You Prepared?

Winters in Wisconsin are unpredictable. There is always the possibility your electric service could be interrupted. Below is a checklist of items to have on hand or suggestions of things to do.

___ **Know what kind of weather to expect:** Listen to weather reports each day. If they are predicting a major snow storm ensure that you are prepared.

___ **Non-Perishable Food:** A supply of canned goods or boxed foods that will last several days.

___ **Bottled Water:** A supply that will last several days.

___ **Flashlights and Battery Powered Radio:** Make sure there is an ample supply of batteries on hand.

___ **Can Opener:** An electric opener won't work during a power outage so a manual opener is necessary.

___ **Matches and Candles:** It is recommended to keep matches on hand because lighters may run out of fuel.

___ **Extra Blankets and Warm Clothing:** If there is no heat in the house, these items will help everyone keep warm. Dress in layers to conserve body heat.

___ **Make sure your car is full of gas:** You may need to travel before everything is operational.

___ **Land Phones/Cell Phones:** Be aware of the fact that your land phone/cell phone may or may not work during a power outage.

___ **Extra Essential Items:** The supply should last a few days. This would include prescription medicine, diapers, oxygen tanks, baby food, pet food, insulin, toiletries and lots of batteries.

___ **Prepare a vehicle emergency kit:** The kit should include the following: shovel, windshield scraper, small broom, flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries, water, snack food, matches, extra hats, socks, mittens, first aid kit with pocket knife, necessary medications, blanket(s), tow chain or rope, road salt, sand and booster cables.

___ **Keep tabs on your family members:** Try to find out where everyone is before the storm and make a plan to stay in a safe location. If you're going to be separated from anyone, set up a pre-determined time and method for touching base again.

Place our phone number (920)487-5556 on your refrigerator door or near the telephone so it will be handy when you need to report an outage. If you need to report an outage after hours, please call the Kewaunee County Sheriffs' Department at (920)388-7108. Please do not call 911 unless it is an emergency.

If you know someone who is elderly, please check on them to see if they need assistance.



Do you own property in Algoma that is not occupied during the winter months?

Normally if the building is adequately heated the property will be o.k. However, what happens if your furnace or the electricity goes out? The potential is that your water pipes and/or water meter could freeze and break causing property damage.

Here are a few suggestions to help prevent potential problems:

- Winterize your property and turn off the main water valve and possibly individual valves for toilets, dishwashers, water heaters, etc.
- Have someone check to ensure the furnace is working properly.
- Request the Utility shut off the water at the curb stop. (A reconnection fee will apply when turned on in spring.)
- Replace programmable thermostat batteries annually.
- After a power outage, check that the thermostat resumes its normal settings.

Contact Algoma Utilities at 920-487-5556 if you have questions about unoccupied property.



***Time of Day Pricing–
Is it right for you?***

Our optional Time-of-Day Pricing Plan enables customers to take advantage of lower electric rates during the “off-peak” hours: late in the evening, overnight and on the weekend. “Off-peak” hours are those when overall demand for electricity is at its lowest. On average, customers who use at least 65 percent of their monthly electricity during off-peak hours will save money on the Time-of-Day Pricing Plan. Check out this pricing plan to see if it fits your lifestyle by visiting our website at www.algomautilities.com under Customer Services, Electric Service to learn about Time of Day Pricing. You may also contact our office at 920-487-5556 for more details.



Manage Your Account with e-Care

Need your payment history for 2017? You can obtain your payment history through our customer web portal. Our customer web portal offers you the option of managing your account from home at any time - day or night. Visit our home page at www.algomautilities.com and view the **Manage Your Account with e-Care** article to learn how to get started.



Sewer Rate Changes for 2018

Per ordinance #799, approved by the City Council on December 4, 2017, your sewer bills will include a 2% annual inflationary increase starting with your February bill. This inflationary increase will help keep up with the increasing costs of heating, water, electric and contract fees. The increase will also help fund facility upgrades that are needed such as:

- UV Equipment Replacement
- Filter Access and Controls
- Electric & HVAC Improvements
- Aeration Tank Concrete Repairs
- General Facility Repairs

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***ADOPT A
HYDRANT
PROGRAM***

Please consider adopting a hydrant in your neighborhood. Assist by keeping it clear of snow and ice. In the event of a fire, *open access saves time and lives!*