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Connections

Strengthening our Community...

one customer at a time!

April 2010

Austin Utilities
400 4th St N.E.
Drop Boxes

Drive-Up Location

- East side of building (entrance on 4th St NE)

Walk-Up Location

- Austin Utilities Lobby
- North side of building entrance on 4th Ave NE

Payments made at the above locations by **5:00 p.m. on the due date** do not incur a late fee.

Austin Utilities
Off Site
Drop Boxes

JIM'S

SUPERVALU

301 11th St NE

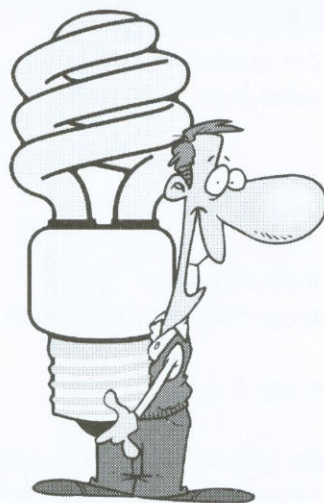
HY-VEE

1001 18th Ave NW

MAIN STREET

1305 1st Ave SW

Payments made in the convenience locations above will be processed on the following business day.



Switch & Save!

with CFLs at Austin Utilities

To help celebrate Earth Day 2010, you can make a difference for our environment by switching to CFLs.

Austin Utilities customers are invited to visit our office during the month of **April** to **RECEIVE ONE FREE Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb (CFL)**. Bring in your old CFLs and we will recycle them at no charge.

- 1) Fill out the pledge card below.
- 2) Bring the pledge card to the Austin Utilities office at 400 4th Street NE to claim your FREE CFL. *(One per account while supplies last.)*
- 3) Bring in your old CFLs and we will recycle them at no charge.
- 4) Take your new CFL home and...**Start Saving!**

Austin Utilities invites the community to join the communitywide effort to **Switch & Save!**

Fill out the pledge card below and bring it in to Austin Utilities during the month of April and Celebrate Earth Day all month long.

Switch & Save!

By signing this pledge, I authorize Austin Utilities to include me in their communitywide effort to **Switch & Save.**

- I pledge to do my part to save energy and help reduce the risks of global climate change by using ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs.
- I pledge to recycle my CFLs properly because I understand they contain mercury which is harmful to people and the environment.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Your email address helps us avoid double counting the number of people participating.

We will never share your information with third parties.

- Please check here if you **DO NOT** have an email address.

Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)

Compact Fluorescents (CFL's) provide more light with less power. They typically require less than one-third the energy to produce the same amount of light, as common incandescent bulbs. An ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) will save about \$30 over its lifetime and pay for itself in about 6 months. It uses 75 percent less energy and lasts about 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb. If every household in the U.S. replaced just ONE incandescent light bulb with an energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL), it would eliminate the equivalent of the emissions created by one million cars. And that's only one bulb per household! Most homes have 15-30 bulbs.

Benefits of CFLs

- Use up to 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs
- Last up to 10 times longer
- Save about \$30 or more in electricity costs over each bulb's lifetime.
- Produce about 75 percent less heat, so they can cut energy costs associated with home cooling.
- Are available in different sizes and shapes to fit almost any fixture

However, CFLs do contain a small amount of mercury that is harmful to people and the environment. Products like CFLs that contain mercury must be properly recycled

By switching your most frequently used bulbs to CFLs, you can really save. Take the time to replace the fixtures in your home that are on for up to three hours or more each day. Most of this type of lighting is found in kitchens, living rooms and outdoors.

LIGHT OUTPUT EQUIVALENCY

To determine which ENERGY STAR qualified light bulbs will provide the same amount of light as your current incandescent light bulbs, consult the following chart.

Incandescent Light Bulbs	Minimum Light Output	Common Energy Star Qualified Light Bulbs
Watts	Lumens	Watts
40	450	9-13
60	800	13-15
75	1,100	18-25
100	1,600	23-20
150	2,600	30-52



The days are getting longer and the temperatures are getting warmer. Spring is right around the corner, and now is the perfect time to get ready for summer.

Don't wait until the summer heat is unbearable and the humidity is oppressive to make sure the air conditioner is working properly. Bring in an air conditioning professional for a recharge and tune-up. If your air conditioner has been covered up all winter, make sure to take off the cover before turning on the unit. Ensure that the thermostat is working properly so you don't waste energy.

An air conditioner's filters, coils, and fins require regular maintenance for the unit to function effectively and efficiently throughout its years of service. Neglecting necessary maintenance ensures a steady decline in air conditioning performance while energy use steadily increases.

The most important maintenance task that will ensure the efficiency of your air conditioner is to routinely replace or clean its filters. Clogged, dirty filters block normal air flow and reduce a system's efficiency significantly. With normal air flow obstructed, air that bypasses the filter may carry dirt directly into the evaporator coil and impair the coil's heat-absorbing capacity. Keeping the filter clean can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5%-15%.

When the temperatures rise, use fans whenever possible instead of the air conditioner. Using fans to supplement the air conditioner allows you to raise the thermostat temperature, using less energy. Fans cost less to use than an air conditioner.

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