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Help families in need this Holiday Season by purchasing gifts from a local child’s wish list and donating them to the Salvation Army. AU will have an Angel Tree in our lobby from November 30th through December 14th.

NOTE: Austin Utilities Monthly Board Meeting schedule has been changed to the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the AU Board room at 1908 14th St NE.

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Employee Spotlight

Tom Tylutki
Electric Distribution Director

Tom Tylutki joined Austin Utilities in the summer of 1996 after packing up his pickup and driving cross country from California. He was working as an Electrical Engineer Associate for Los Angeles Water and Power before coming to Austin. He has been the Director of the Electric Department ever since.

Tom’s job involves working with AU’s electric staff and customers, something he finds enjoyable and fulfilling. “There is always something fun and challenging to tackle and the best part for me is that it seems like we are making a difference for the customers of Austin.”

The Tylutki family was raised in Idaho, and yes he likes potatoes, but the six siblings now live all over the country. Tom and his wife Alice have been married for 28 years and have a 24 year old son, Matthew.

Tom loves the outdoors, especially biking, hiking, backpacking, boating, water skiing & snow skiing. He is an eagle scout, an accomplished singer, he’s finished a triathlon, skied Mammoth Mountain, sailed to Catalina on a 42 foot boat, and backpacked the Sierra Mountains. When retirement comes in a couple years he’ll be doing even more traveling and probably a few more outdoor adventures as well.

Four tips to save energy and money this holiday season

What could be better than gathering for feasts, gifts, lights and sweet treats during the holidays? But when all the family has left town and the decorations are packed away, the first utility bill is usually the gift no one wants to open. Try planning ahead and being prepared for any surprise energy costs. Here are a few ideas to help keep your family’s energy budget from breaking the bank.

1. Limit your festive lights display
   Connect light strings and other lighted decorations to a timer that turns them on at dark — when they are most visible — and off at bedtime.

2. Switch to LED lights
   LED lights use up to 70% less energy and last 10 times longer than traditional bulbs, plus they are eco-friendly.

3. Adjust your thermostat
   By setting your thermostat 3–5 degrees below normal, you can maintain a level of comfort and save money — an estimated savings of about 1% for each degree of thermostat adjustment per 8 hours.

4. Don’t sweat out your house guests
   Turn your thermostat down when company arrives. The heat energy generated by your cooking appliances, lights and guests can increase the temperature in your home.

How much do holiday lights cost?

Bright lights shine inside and outside most homes during the holiday season. But we don’t always know the cost until we get our next energy bill. Use the graphic below to determine your bulb type and lighting cost. A switch to LED lighting could add up to big savings. (*Based on 100 lights per string, 5 hours per day)

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Holiday Lighting Tips to Save you Money

1. Purchase LEDs for all your holiday lighting
2. Use timers to turn lights on and off
3. Recycle your old lighting for free at AU

Top Tips from Buddy

Help Buddy find words for his energy saving tips!

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