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Notice To All Algoma Utility Customers

For your convenience, Energy Services for Kewaunee County will be scheduling appointments for applications to be taken at Algoma Utilities December 17th between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please call 920-388-0652 for more information and to schedule an appointment.



Are You Prepared?

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

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.

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.

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

Listen to your battery powered radio: The local radio stations may provide necessary information.

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

Bottled Water: This is essential for people whose water supply is from a well.

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.

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.



**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!



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.



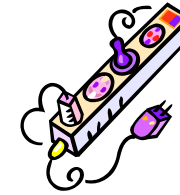
Avoid a Frozen Water Lateral

Please contact Algoma Utilities if you notice your water changing to an unusual color, becoming rusty or extremely cold. These may be signs your water lateral is freezing. Please let your water run and call 920-487-5556 to request assistance.



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 Customers Services, Electric section to learn about Time of Day Pricing. You also contact our office at 920-487-5556 for more details.



Energy Tips

Below are energy saving measures any of us can do to save electricity.

- ✓ Turn the lights off in unoccupied rooms.
- ✓ Use lamps in the evenings.
- ✓ Change light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs.
- ✓ Survey all rooms for energy vampires. Even when not in use, some items still use electricity, so unplug TVs, nightlights, battery chargers & radios when not in use.
- ✓ Turn off your computer and computer components. Even when your computer is in the “sleep” or “hibernate” mode, it is still using electricity.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ A full refrigerator/freezer runs more efficiently than one that is not full.
- ✓ Wash clothes in cold water.
- ✓ Clean the lint screen in your dryer after each load. When screen is dirty it will use nearly 1/3 more energy !!!
- ✓ Defrost your freezer when the ice is 1/4” thick. It will work more efficiently.
- ✓ Cook small items in the microwave.
- ✓ Use your slow cooker or crock pot to prepare meals.
- ✓ 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.