




## The Good, the Bad and Electric Heaters

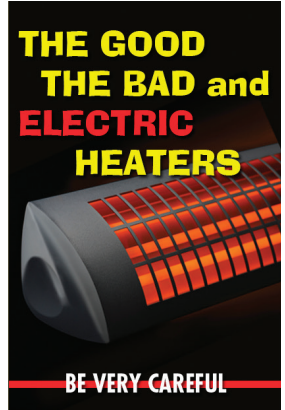
Portable electric heaters can take the chill out of a cold room, but are far less efficient than other heating sources—and can cause your electric bill to increase. They can also be dangerous, even deadly without the right handling. Portable heaters cause nearly 22 percent of all residential fires.\*

### Portable Heater Safety Guidelines

- Ensure that the heater is placed on a stable, level surface.
- Before use, inspect the heater, cord and plug for damage.
- Never plug the heater into an extension cord or power strip.
- Be sure the heater plug fits securely in the wall outlet.

- Never run the heater's cord under rugs or carpeting.
- Keep combustible material such as bedding, curtains, etc., at least three feet from the heater.
- Keep heaters away from water and NEVER touch an electric heater if you are wet.
- Never leave the heater operating unattended or while you are sleeping. 

\*Consumer Product Safety Committee



## Introducing the Future of Energy in Alameda

Much of Alameda's electric grid was constructed in the early 1900s and was designed to accomplish one task: to


deliver power to homes and businesses. It's like a rotary phone in that regard. Today, digital technology is changing everything, transforming the electric grid from the rotary phone era to the smart phone era.

And that means AMP needs to transform itself to respond to new power sources and alternative energy sources, such as electric vehicles and solar photovoltaics,



that must be integrated into the electric grid, while at the same time responding to customer demands for real-time data.

This month, AMP is taking the first step toward modernizing its grid with the launch of a pilot program to demonstrate new meter technology at Alameda's 300 largest business customers. These new technologies will enhance the reliable service we provide and help our largest businesses better manage their energy use and lower costs.

As the year goes on, we'll keep you posted as we prepare for the utility of the future. For more information, visit [www.alamedamp.com](http://www.alamedamp.com). 

## Spotlight on Power Box Art

This month's spotlight is on Flavia Krasilchik. You can see Flavia's art and that of our nine other Power Box Art artists around the Park Street business area. Maps are available at local retailers on Park Street. To learn more about the project, visit [www.alamedamp.com/powerboxart](http://www.alamedamp.com/powerboxart).



**Title:** Wild Trio

**Artist:** Flavia Krasilchik

**Location:** Parking lot on north side of Lincoln Avenue, one block from Park Street

**Sponsor:** Alameda Natural Grocery

**Description:** I am an audience for the birds' cycle on the Alameda shores and bird sanctuary. I chose to live in Alameda because it is a place where urban meets nature in total harmony and grace, providing me the source of inspiration to create my ceramic sculptures and whimsical creatures. 🌱

## Stay In Control Of Your Monthly Payments

Would you like to know—in advance—the exact amount of your monthly electric bill? Would it make budgeting easier? With AMP's Balanced Payment Plan, that's exactly what you can do.

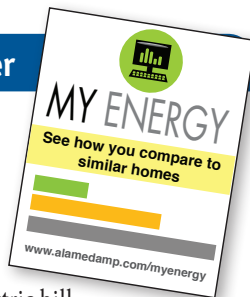


AMP's Balanced Payment Plan estimates your electric bill for twelve months, so you pay the same estimated amount year-round. No more large bills in the winter and small bills in the summer. Your electric bills will be consistent throughout the year, making it easier to budget every month.

To enroll, you must have lived at your current address for at least 12 months and your account must be current. To sign up, just call a Customer Service Representative at 748-3900. Your Balanced Payment Plan will begin with your next bill. More information is available on AMP's website. 🌱

## Discover Your Power

If you haven't tried it yet, now is a great time to check out AMP's interactive web portal, My Energy. It can help you use energy wisely and save money on your electric bill.



To get started, go to [www.alamedamp.com/myenergy](http://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 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 also set targets for savings and even conduct an automated 30-second home energy audit.

If you have questions or problems logging in, please call one of our Customer Service Representatives at (510) 748-3900 or email [custserv@alamedamp.com](mailto:custserv@alamedamp.com). 🌱

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