



Budget Billing: The Power of Planning Ahead

In the heat of the summer, cooling costs tend to rise along with the temperatures. AmerenCIPS's Budget Billing plan can help you manage the higher energy bills that summer often brings.

Budget Billing sets a monthly payment amount by averaging your energy costs from the previous 12 months. Even when your energy use fluctuates greatly, the amount you pay each month will remain relatively stable with Budget Billing.

Your Budget Billing amount is periodically reviewed and adjusted as necessary. In the 12th month, your bill will reflect the difference between the cost of the energy you used and the amount you paid on Budget Billing. If the amount paid exceeds the actual cost of providing the energy, you receive a credit. If the amount billed is less than the actual cost of providing the energy, you are billed for the difference.

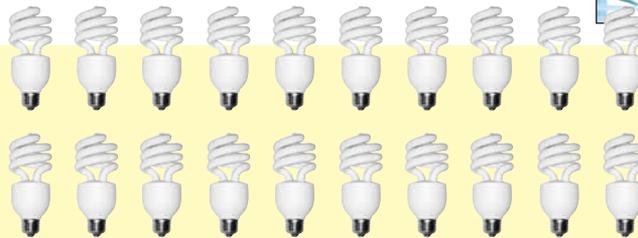
Budget Billing is free to residential customers who want to take some of the surprise out of their monthly energy bill. To enroll, visit our Web site at www.ameren.com or call: **1-888-789-2477**.

It's Time to Act on Energy and Save!

Here's some great news from the Ameren Illinois Utilities. To help you save money without sacrificing comfort, we will introduce and implement a range of energy efficiency programs over the next 12 months.

However, you don't need to wait to begin saving money. We're providing you with the *facts* – and actions you can take today to reduce your energy bill – at our new Web site: **ActOnEnergyIllinois.com**.

One of the easiest ways to begin saving money is by replacing standard incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). Because CFLs use 50 to 80 percent less energy than standard light bulbs, you could save as much as \$100 a year by replacing just 20 bulbs in your home. Since CFLs last 10 times



= \$100
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longer than standard bulbs and use far less electricity, your savings will last well into the future.

New CFLs provide a warm light and do not flicker or hum like the old fluorescent bulbs. And you'll find the right CFL for almost every use: table lamps, track lighting, ceiling fixtures, three-way lamps and even outdoor lighting.

To help offset the higher purchase price of CFL bulbs, Ameren Illinois Utilities is implementing incentives to help its customers save on the purchase price. Visit **ActOnEnergyIllinois.com** for more information.

While enjoying the savings CFLs offer, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you're reducing CO₂ emissions – just one CFL bulb eliminates a half-ton of CO₂ from being released into the atmosphere over the life of the bulb. That's right, 1,000 pounds of CO₂ eliminated! And, more energy-efficient lighting throughout our service territory means less demand for new power plants.

To learn more about CFLs and the many ways you can reduce your bill without sacrificing comfort, visit our new Web site: **ActOnEnergyIllinois.com**. This exciting interactive site hosts our Energy Savings Tool Kit and Energy House, where you can discover exactly how much you'll save with various energy efficiency measures. Be sure to visit **ActOnEnergyIllinois.com** often as new information and incentives will be added as programs are introduced over the next year.

Do-It-Yourselfers: Renovate the Right Way

Summer often inspires handy homeowners to undertake renovations. But before beginning work, do-it-yourselfers need to understand applicable building codes.

For example, the National Electric Code requires that ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) be installed at electrical outlets near any water source. GFCIs reduce



the risk of electric shock by shutting off power if water comes into contact with electrical appliances or outlets. Another protective device, the arc fault circuit interrupter (ACFI), helps reduce the risk of electrical fire and is required for bedroom circuits in new homes or additions.

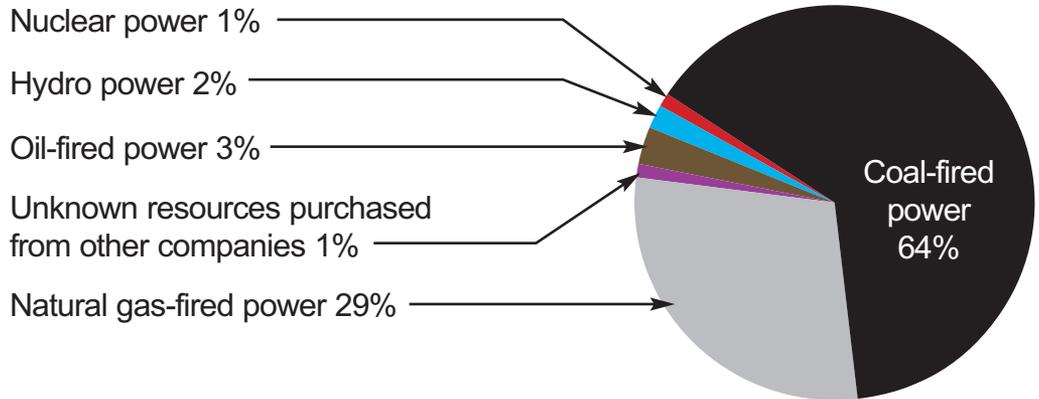
When working outside, keep yourself and your equipment at least 10 feet from power lines, and avoid using electrical appliances when it's wet outside. If your projects involve digging, call JULIE at



811 to mark underground utility services before you

begin. Renovate the right way by putting safety at the top of your to-do list.

Sources of electricity supplied for the 12 months ending March 31, 2008



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Percentage of total

Biomass power	0%
Coal-fired power	64%
Hydro power	2%
Natural gas-fired power	29%
Nuclear power	1%
Oil-fired power	3%
Solar power	0%
Wind power	0%
Other resources	0%
Unknown resources purchased from other companies	1%
TOTAL	100%

AVERAGE AMOUNTS OF EMISSIONS and AMOUNT OF NUCLEAR WASTE per 1000 kilowatt-hours (kWhs) PRODUCED from KNOWN¹ sources for the 12 months ending March 31, 2008

Carbon Dioxide	1,785 lbs
Nitrogen Oxides	2.99 lbs
Sulfur Dioxide	3.93 lbs
High-Level Nuclear Waste	<.0001 lbs
Low-Level Nuclear Waste	<.0001 ft ³

Footnote

¹ 1% of the total electricity supplied was purchased from other suppliers and the amounts of emissions and amount of nuclear waste attributable to producing this electricity is not known and is not included in this table.

Additional information on companies selling electrical power in Illinois may be found at the Illinois Commerce Commission's Web site (www.icc.illinois.gov). The disclosure of this information is required under Section 16-127 of the Electric Service Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997 and the rules of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 83 Ill. Adm. Code 421.

AmerenCIPS Customer Service

Residential: **1.888.789.2477**

Business: **1.800.232.2477**

Suspected Gas Leak: **1.888.789.2477**

TTY Illinois Relay: **711**

Underground Locating (JULIE): **811** or

1.800.892.0123

Speed Pay Information: **1.866.729.2477**