



# The Algonquin Citizen

News from the Village of Algonquin

Winter 2011

## Electric Aggregation in Algonquin

At their December 6 meeting, the Algonquin Village Board approved an ordinance submitting a referendum question to voters of whether the Village should have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers.

Electric deregulation in Illinois allows consumers to purchase their electric supply on the open market. Please note that this only applies to supply and not distribution, which is handled exclusively by ComEd. Electric aggregation allows for municipalities to collectively negotiate electric supply on behalf of its constituents with the goal of achieving a lower rate than the consumer could individually. Currently, communities that have implemented an electric aggregation program have saved over 20% in electric supply costs (source: Illinois Commerce Commission).

A referendum question authorizing the Village to proceed with electric aggregation will be on the March 20, 2012 ballot. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and other information on the program will be available at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) and in informational pamphlets that will be available at Village Hall.

**ComEd**  
An Edison Company

Account Number: 1234567890  
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Service Location: 1234 Main Street, Algonquin, IL 60110  
Phone Number: 1-800-456-7890

Bill Summary  
Previous Balance: \$100.00  
Total Payments: \$100.00  
Amount Due on August 1, 2011: \$100.00

Service from 07/01/11 to 08/01/11 - 31 Days

Category	ComEd	Aggregation	Difference
Electric Supply Charge	\$40.00	\$32.00	-\$8.00
Transmission Service Charge	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Power Cost Adjustment	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$92.00</b>	<b>-\$8.00</b>
Taxes and Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Current Charges</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$92.00</b>	<b>-\$8.00</b>

Electric aggregation has shown to decrease electric supply costs for consumers

## Sidewalk Snow Removal

With winter weather officially here, please remember that the Algonquin Municipal Code states that any person occupying a property within the Village shall remove snow and ice accumulating on the adjoining sidewalks within 24 hours after any snowfall has ceased. If snow and ice cannot be removed, the surface shall be sanded or otherwise treated to lessen the hazard for pedestrians until the climate permits removal.

Please remember that this code pertains to all front, back, and side area sidewalks that adjoin your property. **Snow should never be blown or shoveled into the public streets as it is prohibited by Village code.** Such placement of the snow may create a driving hazard for other motorists, especially if the Village plows have already passed through the area. The Municipal Code is available online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

## Upcoming Recreation Events

Join Algonquin Events and Recreation this wintery season and check out all of our upcoming events and programs! We are proud to offer new adult fitness classes and FREE demos, extended adult trips, various early childhood classes, and special events for the whole family!

Teen Ski/Snowboard Overnight Trip:	2/10 - 2/11
Daddy Daughter Date Night:	2/18
Snowman Photo Contest:	Photos Due 3/1
Mother & Son Pajama Night:	3/10
Breakfast with the Bunny:	3/24
Algonquin Egg Hunt:	3/31

For more Events and Recreation information or to register, please visit us online at [www.algonquin.org/recreation](http://www.algonquin.org/recreation).

## Village Wins Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Village of Algonquin for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan, and as a communications device.



To view the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget, please visit [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org).

Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Nixle!

## Winter Parking Regulations

Don't forget that winter parking regulations are in effect and **parking is prohibited on any public street in the Village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.** The winter parking hours will be in effect until April 15, 2012.

In addition, it is unlawful to park on the street after any snowfall of 2 inches or greater unless the street has been cleared of snow. The snowfall parking ban is in place for your safety and will remain in effect until snow removal operations have been completed. Violators will be issued tickets. Residents with special parking issues should contact the Algonquin Police Department at 847-658-4531. Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances.

## Enroll in ePay

The Village is proud to offer automatic debit as an option for paying your water bill. **This is a FREE service available to water customers to have your water bill paid automatically from your banking account.** This option eliminates the hassle of paying postage, writing checks, and incurring late fees. Sign up online at [www.algonquin.org](http://www.algonquin.org) and click on Algonquin ePay or in person at Village Hall. After you enroll, let us do the rest! If you have questions about ePay, please contact Water Billing at 847-854-3440.

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## Reduce Heating Costs

Stay warm and reduce heating costs this winter by doing the following simple items:

- Caulk around windows and replace weather stripping around doors to seal out cold air.
- Draw curtains closed to decrease drafts at night. Open curtains to let in sunshine to help warm the room during the day.
- Lower the thermostat a few degrees at night and when you are not home.
- Wrap up in a blanket or put on a sweater instead of turning up the heat.
- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Tune up your furnace yearly and change furnace filters often.
- Insulate your attic.

Are you doing something "green" at home or work that can be shared with others? The Village is looking for residents, businesses, or groups that are doing more to protect the environment or to preserve natural resources. Nominate yourself for the Gold Leaf Award at [www.algonquin.org/eco](http://www.algonquin.org/eco).

## Village Holiday Hours

Village offices will be closed on 12/23, 12/26, and 1/2. Waste Management Service will be delayed by one day for the entire week of 12/26 and 1/2. Happy Holidays!

## Holiday Tree Collection

Waste Management will collect holiday trees at no charge on your normal collection day beginning on December 27 and ending January 13.

In order for a tree to be collected, it must be placed at the curb or the edge of the road by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. All lights and decorations must be removed. Trees should not be placed in plastic bags, and any trees over six (6) feet tall should be cut in half so one person can handle them. Also, trees should be placed on top of the snow. Trees buried under snow could result in Waste Management not collecting them. Please contact Waste Management Customer Service at 1-800-796-9696 with any refuse or recycling inquiries.

## Garbage Cart Placement

The Village of Algonquin, along with Waste Management, would like to remind residents about the proper placement of your refuse, recycling, and yardwaste containers to ensure proper collection on your service day and for Village maintenance of the roadway.

Containers should be placed curbside so that automated collection may take place. Acceptable areas include on your driveway approach, the lawn just behind the curb, or on the road shoulder where curbs do not exist. **Additionally, please remember that containers should NOT be placed in the actual roadway.** This presents a safety issue for passing traffic and prohibits Village crews from properly maintaining the roadway, including leaf collection service, street sweeping, and snow removal. Please note that placing obstructions in the roadway is prohibited by the Algonquin Municipal Code.

