

# Between the Lines

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### General Information

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[Newsletter@coldwater.org](mailto:Newsletter@coldwater.org)

### We've got a new look!

The City of Coldwater, CBPU and Economic Growth Alliance have merged into one nice site! Check out our new website at [www.coldwater.org](http://www.coldwater.org)

The CBPU & City Offices will be closed at noon on Friday, April 2nd to observe the holiday.

Brush Collection occurs from April thru October on the first Monday of the month. No root systems are allowed and brush is to be 8" or less in diameter. Place brush in the curb lawn area with the ends facing the same direction.  
**PLEASE REMEMBER:**  
All yard waste must be placed in paper bags. No plastic bags will be accepted.

## We Pickup Your Old Fridge, You Pickup \$30!

Chances are, that old working refrigerator or freezer in your garage or basement is running up your electric bill.

That's because they can use three times as much energy as newer models, which can add up to \$150 a year to your electric bill.

**But now there's an easy solution.**

We'll pick up your older



appliance for free and you'll pick up \$30 in cold cash when you recycle it.

So do something good for yourself, good for the environment and lower your energy bills, too.

### How the program works:

The CBPU contracts with JACO Environmental, an appliance recycler, to pick up and recycle the units.

**If you're a CBPU Electric Customer, call 1-877-270-3519**

or visit [www.coldwater.org](http://www.coldwater.org) to schedule your free pickup.

Refrigerators and stand alone freezers must be in working condition and must be between 10 and 30 cubic feet using inside measurements.

CBPU customers must own units being recycled. Limit two units per residential address.

A check will be mailed within 4 to 6 weeks after appliance collection.

Additional restrictions apply.

Visit [www.coldwater.org](http://www.coldwater.org) for detailed program info.

## 6 Months of Showtime for \$5.95 a Month!

From March 25th to April 30th, you can order Showtime for only \$5.95 per month for six months!

Enjoy Showtime's Original Series, including Nurse Jackie & United States of Tara plus Blockbuster Hits, Sporting Events, Comedy and much more!

When you order Showtime, you get all 14 channels of premium digital programming—all for just \$5.95 per month.

But we're not stopping there!

If you're a new customer, we'll waive your \$25.00 cable installation fee.

If you're a new digital phone customer, we'll waive your \$39.95 activation fee!

Let us take care of your entertainment needs. We offer a wide variety of services like digital cable, high definition packages, premium movie channels

and DVR (digital video recorder) equipment. Our Internet and Digital Phone prices are very competitive!

Hurry and call today - this offer is only good until April 30th, 2010.

Give our Customer Service Department a call today at 279-9531 for more details and find out how you can **SAVE BIG** on our Cable, Internet & Digital Phone Services!

Some restrictions apply.

# Hooray for Earth Day!

We are excited to be able to have another Earth Day event at the CBPU this year. Because of all the great input we receive from our local citizens, our Earth Day event just keeps getting bigger and better.

Starting Wednesday, April 21st through Friday, April 23rd we are encouraging our residents to stop by the CBPU and “make the switch” on the following items:

- An incandescent bulb for a CFL
- Five (5) plastic grocery bags for a



reusable grocery bag.

- A mercury thermometer for a digital thermometer.

Another program we’re thrilled to bring back this year is the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program. Old worn out athletic shoes are collected for recycling, transforming them into Nike Grind, a material used in creating athletic and playground surfaces as well as other select Nike products.

While you’re here “making the switch”, don’t forget to enter our contests! We’ve got great prizes lined up like CFL’s, a programmable thermostat, low flow shower heads & free trees!

We always have stuff for the kids, so bring them too!

Follow us on Facebook & Twitter!



These two social media sites are a fun, interactive way for us to communicate relevant, up-to-date information about City of Coldwater and CBPU events directly to your facebook page, cell phone or e-mail account.



# Get into the Game with Coldwater Rec Sports

Looking for a way to have fun, meet new people and feel some involvement within your community? You should check out all the activities and events that Coldwater Rec Sports has to offer!

The Coldwater Recreation Dept takes pride in offering a wide variety of quality leisure and recreational activities year-round. Our activities are intended to teach basic skills, teamwork and sportsmanship, while providing opportunities for physical fitness and socialization.

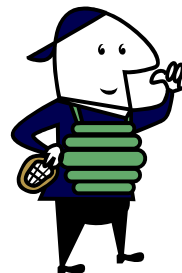
**Adult Programs Include:**

- Women’s, Men’s & Co-Rec Softball
- Modified Pitch Softball
- Women’s, Men’s & Co-Rec Volleyball
- Men’s Basketball
- Water Aerobics
- Adult Swimming

**Youth Programs Include:**

- Wiffle Ball
- Kickball
- Dodgeball
- Indoor Hockey
- Tennis Instruction

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Skateboard Competition
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Swimming Lessons
- Summer Park Programs



Already playing in a Coldwater Rec League? Get your teams Schedules, Scores and Standings on our website at [www.coldwater.org](http://www.coldwater.org)

Call 278-8566 for more information!

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## CBPU City-wide Hydrant Flushing

Beginning Monday, April 26th, the Water Department will begin its semi-annual hydrant-operating program. Crews will be working around the clock to complete the program within one week. There will not be a set schedule of crew locations by day.

This is a good time for homeowners to remember to flush hot water heaters, which will improve water quality and efficiency.



The Coldwater BPU recommends doing laundry once crews have flushed hydrants in their area. Customers living south of US-12 should do laundry later in the week and north of US-12 earlier in the week as a general rule.

Motorists are urged to use caution in and around areas where hydrant operation is taking place especially in the evening and early morning hours.

For further information, please contact Tom Spitzner, Water Superintendent at 279-4805.