

**WE'LL COVER THE COSTS** of making your building upgrade more energy efficient.

MULTIFAMILY

Rebates  
Available!  
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## Rebates for multifamily apartments and condominiums

Seattle City Light offers a free energy assessment and rebates to help customers save energy. Conserving electricity is the most cost-effective way to meet our future energy needs and appeal to energy savvy residents.

Seattle City Light offers a variety of rebates to make your building energy efficient

- **Lighting rebates:** Pay up to 70% of total upgrade cost
- **Appliance rebates:** Learn more at [seattle.gov/appliances](http://seattle.gov/appliances)
- **Window rebates:** Pay up to 20% of total upgrade cost
- **Insulation rebates:** Pay up to 50% of most upgrade costs

### Benefits of energy-saving upgrades

- Lower electric bills for residents and owners
- Reduce maintenance costs
- Reduce street noise
- Enhance curb appeal
- Increase safety by improving light distribution with high quality lighting
- Improve indoor air quality, increase ventilation and protect from mold and condensation
- Increase occupant retention

## Upgrade your lighting and Seattle City Light will pay up to 70% of your total cost.

Energy-efficient lighting reduces your building's energy and maintenance costs and can improve lighting quality.

### Lighting upgrades

Rebates are available for lighting upgrades in exterior common areas and individual units. Participants can receive:

- Up to 70% in rebates when upgrading existing common area lighting to energy-efficient lighting
- Free direct install of in unit lighting

### To qualify for lighting upgrade rebates:

- Building must have five or more units and be located in the Seattle City Light service area (smaller buildings may be eligible through the Community Power Works Program or purchase Seattle City Light-incentivized lighting equipment from participating retailers)
- **You must obtain project approval from Seattle City Light prior to purchase or installation of equipment or materials**

You can use your own licensed installer OR choose from our list of participating contractors.

Contact an Energy Advisor today at (206) 684-3800 or email [SCLEnergyAdvisor@seattle.gov](mailto:SCLEnergyAdvisor@seattle.gov) to request a free energy assessment.

### Property Management N.W. reaps multi-property savings

In 2006, Property Management N.W. enrolled one of its 36 properties in the Seattle City Light Multifamily Lighting Rebate program, upgrading to energy-efficient common area lighting and reducing the property's energy consumption. "The Seattle City Light rebate program was a smooth process," said Zeke Rehn, chief operating officer for Property Management N.W. "And as a result, we signed up three more properties."

The lighting upgrades for all four properties cost a little more than \$100,000, with Seattle City Light rebates covering over half of the cost. Property Management N.W.'s year-over-year energy savings are expected to be around 270,000 kWh, or \$19,710 annually.

Upgrading the properties' common area lighting, exit signs, garage and exterior lighting to energy-efficient and LED lighting is paying off. "The retrofits have an estimated two-year return on investment," said Rehn. "That made it an easy decision for the owners."

Properly lighting parking garages, outdoor sidewalks and entryways improves tenant safety, which is a priority for Property Management N.W. In addition, maintenance costs are lower because the always-on common-area lighting and exit signs need to be replaced less often.



**"The rebate was considerable. Seattle City Light paid for over half of the cost to upgrade the lighting."**

Zeke Rehn, Chief Operating Officer  
Property Management N.W., Inc.

Property Management N.W. is also taking advantage of other City and Utility rebates for in-unit low-flush toilets, efficient showerheads and aerators and double-pane windows. An electric car charging station is also in the plans for one of the properties. "This is important to our tenants and homeowners," said Rehn. "We always try to be proactive with the maintenance and care for our buildings. And these upgrades are part of being proactive and reducing our environmental footprint."

Call (206) 684-3800 for a free energy assessment and get your project underway.

## Weatherize your building and Seattle City Light will pay up to 50% of your total cost.

New window technologies improve the appearance, quality and value of your building — benefiting both owners and tenants.

Upgrading the windows in your building can relieve problems caused by older windows, such as mold and condensation.

### Weatherization upgrades

Seattle City Light offers rebates for up to 50% of the total project cost when you replace windows with those that are more energy efficient. Participants can receive:

- \$5 per-square-foot rebate when replacing single-pane windows with new high-performing windows
- \$3 per-square-foot rebate when replacing aluminum-framed double-pane windows with new high-performing windows
- Up to 50% off the cost of insulating your building

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### To qualify for rebates:

- Building must have five or more units and be located in the Seattle City Light service area
- Building must have permanently installed electric heat or heat pumps as its primary heat source
- **You must obtain project approval from Seattle City Light prior to purchase or installation of equipment or materials**

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**“Our tenants immediately noticed a difference both in lower bills and improved aesthetics.”**

Fran Erhardt, Owner  
University Housing

### University Housing

With help from Seattle City Light, University Housing underwent a comprehensive window upgrade in five of its 15 buildings.

When some of the buildings were acquired, the old single-pane and double-pane windows were causing mold and condensation in the units. University Housing made the decision to replace the inefficient windows with vinyl-framed, double-paned windows with built-in ventilators.

The result — buildings that provide a comfortable environment, improved ventilation and air quality, and enhanced street appeal.

“Because Seattle City Light made the process so simple, replacing the windows was quick and seamless with minimal intrusion for our tenants. Our tenants immediately noticed a difference both in lower bills and improved aesthetics,” said Fran Erhardt, owner of University Housing.

Seattle City Light estimates energy savings from all the upgrades at 1,317 kWh per unit annually. This represents an estimated 15-20% savings on each unit’s heating bill.

How can we serve you better?

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## HOW TO APPLY FOR SEATTLE CITY LIGHT REBATES

- 1 Call (206) 684-3800
- 2 Work with a Seattle City Light Energy Analyst and your contractor to uncover possible energy efficient opportunities and savings
- 3 Secure authorization from Seattle City Light prior to starting work
- 4 Proceed with installation and contact Seattle City Light for final verification when work is complete

## Why we pay rebates for energy conservation

Seattle City Light offers rebates to help customers save energy because it is the most cost-effective way to meet our future electricity needs. When customers reduce their electricity use, it helps us conserve our hydro resource and avoid the expense of building new power plants or buying electricity on the open market.

## Our mission

Seattle City Light is dedicated to exceeding our customers' expectations in producing and delivering environmentally responsible, safe, low-cost and reliable power.

## Reduce your carbon footprint

Seattle City Light is a national leader in protecting the environment and has been carbon neutral since 2005. Join other proactive Seattle residents and businesses in their efforts to help reduce the negative impacts of climate change.

**Call Seattle City Light at (206) 684-3800 and start saving today!**



## Tips for selecting a contractor

**When you're ready to hire a contractor to install windows, insulation or lighting, here are some tips for a successful project:**

- Call (206) 684-3800 or visit [seattle.gov/multifamily](http://seattle.gov/multifamily) for a list of participating contractors, consult friends or neighbors, or look on the Internet
- Ask the contractor for evidence that they are licensed and bonded by the State Department of Labor and Industries (1-800-647-0982) and that they have a Seattle Business License
- Ask at least three different contractors for written estimates. Estimates are generally given free of charge
- Ask the contractor for recent references from previous customers and visit the job site if you can
- When you receive your contractor bids, be sure all commitments are in writing. Ask for warranties (for windows: get one from the window manufacturer and one from the contractor)

## More City of Seattle offers and rebates

- Powerful Neighborhoods offers free CFLs, LEDs, efficient showerheads and aerators for each of your units. Call (206) 684-3800 for more information
- Water-saving rebates and information. Visit [savingwater.org](http://savingwater.org)
- New construction incentives for apartments and condominiums can be found at [seattle.gov/light/conserve](http://seattle.gov/light/conserve)
- Toilet rebates and free toilets information. Visit [seattle.gov/util/freetoilets](http://seattle.gov/util/freetoilets)

NOTE: Ask your accountant about additional federal tax incentives that may be available for energy-efficient upgrades

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