

# LIGHT READING

customer newsletter



## The global warming challenge: Success requires sustained effort



On March 24, 2006, former Vice President Al Gore applauds Seattle's leadership in combating global warming, before an enthusiastic crowd.

Last year, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels issued the "Kyoto Challenge," a national effort to tackle climate disruption and to implement the Kyoto Protocol in cities across the United States. Today, hundreds of mayors are participating.

He pledged that Seattle would meet the Kyoto Treaty emission-reduction goal to reduce the city's global-warming pollution by seven percent by 2012. That equals emissions from about 150,000 cars. The Mayor's Green Ribbon Commission has presented recommendations that, if implemented, allow Seattle to achieve its Kyoto commitment. For more on this report, visit [www.seattle.gov/climate](http://www.seattle.gov/climate).

Leading the commission's list is a need to reduce Seattle's dependence on cars. Learn about the City's "drive less" programs, including the new Commuter Cash Program, at [www.seattle.gov/waytogo](http://www.seattle.gov/waytogo).

Energy conservation and renewable resources are essential to Seattle's climate protection strategy. City Light contributes by meeting all new electrical demand with renewable and conservation resources. We are proud to be the first electric utility in the U.S. to achieve zero-net greenhouse-gas emissions.

City Light's **GreenUp** program offers customers the chance to increase supplies of renewable energy and to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. Visit [www.seattle.gov/light/Green/greenPower/greenupR.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/light/Green/greenPower/greenupR.asp), email [greenup@seattle.gov](mailto:greenup@seattle.gov) or call (206) 684-3000. For conservation information, visit [www.seattle.gov/light/conserve](http://www.seattle.gov/light/conserve).

### WashWise

Northwest Utilities for Laundry Efficiency



Stretch your budget with a **\$100 rebate**, and help fight global warming

*A WashWise clothes washer offers many benefits over conventional machines:*

- Washers that qualify for the \$100 rebate use 60% less energy and 60% less water than regular machines.
- The spin cycle extracts more water from your clothes so you use less dryer time and energy.
- Your clothes get cleaner and last longer due to a gentler washing action.
- Many models have large capacities that can handle bulky items such as sleeping bags.

Ask your appliance dealer about WashWise-qualified machines. For more information, call 1-866-632-4636 or visit [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org)



## Skagit Tours: Three Ways to Enjoy

Explore the pristine Skagit River. Savor cascading waterfalls, snow-capped mountains and alpine vistas. City Light offers three tour choices:

- Diablo Lake Adventure is a 2.5-hour escorted tour and cruise departing from Newhalem, Washington.
- The popular Diablo Dam Good Dinner Tour is an expanded tour plus an all-you-can-eat chicken dinner.
- Take a self-guided tour of Newhalem's historic attractions. Ask for the "Walking Tour of Newhalem" brochure at the Newhalem Visitor Center.

For brochures, tour dates, hours, reservations, prices, and more, call (206) 684-3030, visit [www.SkagitTours.com](http://www.SkagitTours.com) or email [SkagitTours.Reservations@seattle.gov](mailto:SkagitTours.Reservations@seattle.gov).

# Planning to move?

■ Please notify City Light within *one week* of your move date. We will need account-related information including a closing meter read or authorization to estimate the electricity used, and a mailing address for your final bill. Notification may be made anytime either online at [www.seattle.gov/light/accounts/resa/](http://www.seattle.gov/light/accounts/resa/), or via automated telephone service at **(206) 684-3000**. You may also print the form from your computer and fax the information to **(206) 684-3347**. For notifications received late, City Light will consider the last meter-read date as the move-out date.

■ City Light presumes all adults residing at the premise (account holder, co-applicants, spouse, domestic partner, roommates, etc.) have used the electric service during their period of residency. They will be equally responsible for paying for the electricity used. Anyone denying responsibility will prove that he or she was living elsewhere during the billing period.

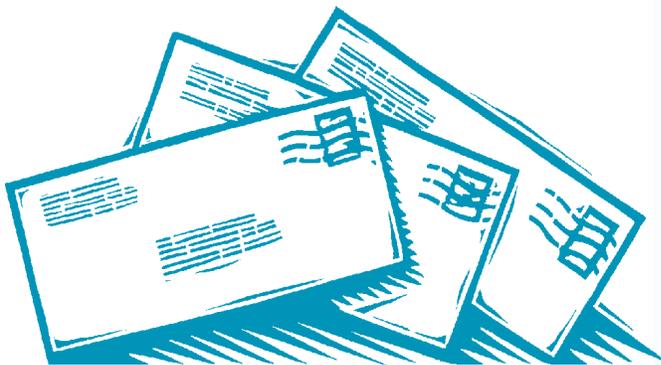
## Attention City Light visitors

Visitors to City Light's downtown offices should now check with the visitor center on the 32nd floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Avenue between Columbia and Cherry Streets. Visitor center staff will greet and assist visitors and provide *badges required for office access*. For information call **(206) 684-3261**. *This procedure does not apply to the Utilities Payment Center on floor 27.*



**City Light's address:**  
**Seattle City Light**  
700 5th Avenue, 32nd Floor  
PO Box 34023  
Seattle, WA 98124-4023

**Mail City Light payments to:**  
**City of Seattle**  
Department of Finance  
PO Box 34017  
Seattle, WA 98124-1017



*Please note: Post office box numbers must be accurate or mail may be returned to sender.*

## Pardon our construction

Typically during the summer, the volume of City construction projects within the Seattle right-of-way increases. This, in part, is due to the drier weather conditions needed to perform the work.

City departments work together to coordinate construction projects located in close proximity, to minimize costs and disruption. Our methods for notifying the community vary according to the length of the construction project and the impacts it will have. Common tools for notification include news releases, letters, signs posted at the site, Web postings, and one-on-one conversations.

Please proceed with caution near construction projects. Comply with on-site signs and traffic controllers. Plan ahead and use alternate routes when possible to minimize congestion. Remember that businesses in the construction area maintain regular business hours and appreciate your continued business.

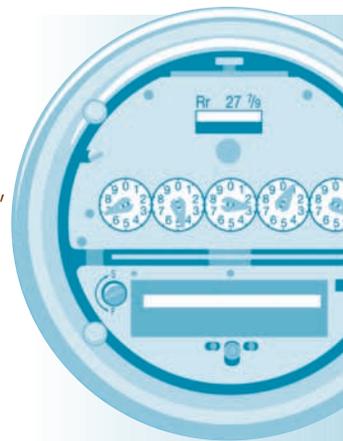


### **Contacts:**

**Seattle City Light:**  
**(206) 684-3000**  
[www.seattle.gov/light/aboutus/construction/](http://www.seattle.gov/light/aboutus/construction/)

**Seattle Department of Transportation:**  
**(206) 684-ROAD (7623)**  
[www.seattle.gov/transportation/2006majorconstructionlist.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/2006majorconstructionlist.htm)

**Seattle Public Utilities:**  
**(206) 684-3000**



## 2006 rate review

**City Light's electric rates are currently being reviewed.**

**You may call (206) 684-3000 to comment about rates.**

**To learn more, visit [www.seattle.gov/light/news/issues/rateproc/](http://www.seattle.gov/light/news/issues/rateproc/).**

**Use this Web site to keep current with the evolving rate review process.**

**You will find reference library links and additional contact numbers.**

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