

Seattle City Light's "Cookin' with Kilowatts" Contest

Frequently Asked Questions

Why a recipe/cooking contest?

There are many ways, large and small, to save energy. The "Cookin' with Kilowatts" contest is intended to get people thinking about how they can find new ways to save electricity in the kitchen, while still enjoying good, home-cooked meals. We hope customers will discover that some of these methods will also save time, or make preparing meals easier.

Who is eligible?

Anyone who resides in the City Light service area is eligible to participate. However, we are limiting the free potholder and chef's hat gift to one per household (as determined by the account status in the City Light billing system). City Light employees and direct family members residing in the service area may also participate, but they are not eligible for any prizes.

What qualifies as a "more energy efficient method of cooking"?

Generally speaking, any electrical appliance that can plug into an 110v wall outlet. Examples of this include crock pots, electric skillets, microwave ovens, toaster ovens and electric barbeques. Creativity is encouraged, please feel free to experiment.

Who will judge the recipes?

City Light staff members will select ten recipes from those submitted, and these finalists will be judged by a panel composed of prominent individuals in the Seattle culinary community. Final names of judges will be released at a later date.

How will I know who the winner is?

The winners will be contacted after October 3, and the results will be posted on the City Light website, as well as the utility's Facebook page and Twitter feed.

What happens to my recipe after I submit it?

We will be compiling the top recipes into an on-line cookbook, which will be free to anyone who wishes to download it. We may use your first name and neighborhood to credit you, but full names, addresses, and contact information will not be published in the cookbook.

What is the judging criteria?

Each submission will be based on creativity, energy saved, presentation and points for social media participation.

Will a chef prepare the recipe and judge for taste?

The top three recipes for both contests will be prepared from professional chefs.

Will contestants be present for judging?

Yes, there will be an event on Saturday, October 18, 2014.