

LIGHT Reading



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE HEAT

While you are firing up the grill (we recommend electric!) and hitting the beaches, take a moment to get your home ready for the heat. Finding the balance between comfort and affordable bills can be difficult, but here are some helpful tips and tricks. Check out a complete list of home upgrades and hacks at energysolutions.seattle.gov/stay-cool.



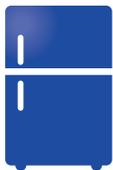
Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps

If your home needs help staying cool in the summer, and it is time to get an air conditioner, consider an ENERGY STAR® certified window unit or a super-efficient heat pump. Plus, we offer rebates!



Be Fan Smart

Fans make the air feel cooler, but they actually don't change the temperature of your rooms (think of it as wind chill). Turn them off during the day unless you're using them for circulation purposes (or for your favorite pet).



Cool Hacks

A full freezer is a happy freezer. Cool compacts can help regulate your body temperature during heat waves. Grab some wet sponges and place them in sealable plastic bags to create cheap icepacks!



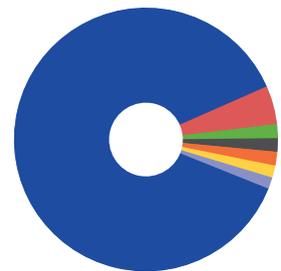
Get Outside

Head to one of Seattle's many spray parks and wading pools! While you're out and about, be sure to check out the solar-powered "Sonic Bloom" art installation near Pacific Science Center and the solar picnic shelters at Jefferson Park!

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POWER MIX

In 2005, City Light became the first utility in the nation to achieve zero net carbon emissions. To this day, most City Light power is generated with our clean hydroelectric facilities, as you can see in our 2017 power sources below.



● BIOGAS.....	1%
● COAL**	1%
● HYDRO	91%
● NATURAL GAS**	1%
● NUCLEAR**	4%
● OTHERS*	1%
● WIND	1%
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TOTAL	100%

**These fuels represent a portion of the power purchased from Bonneville Power Administration and market purchases.

*Others include biomass, other non-biogenic and petroleum.



SKAGIT TOURS HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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TREES AND UTILITY POLES DON'T MAKE GOOD DANCE PARTNERS

Utility workers need access to utility poles for measures such as maintenance work or in the event of an emergency. That is why City Light requires a three-foot clearance around utility poles. If you have a tree or vine closer than three feet from a utility pole, consult with an arborist to ensure it is not growing too close to

power lines. If so, have the vegetation pruned away from the utility pole. If you have questions about trees near utility poles, please email scvegetation@seattle.gov or call (206) 386-1733. Thank you for keeping the electrical system safe and reliable!

LIGHT READING ON POWERLINES

Light Reading is now also available on City Light's Powerlines blog! Check it out at powerlines.seattle.gov/light-reading.



Seattle City Light crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service:

- Arroyo/South Arbor Heights: installing underground conduits, vaults and streetlights to replace aging infrastructure;
- Beacon Hill: installing new and replacement poles, new wire and equipment to improve reliability;
- Downtown Seattle: converting historic globe streetlights to LEDs;
- Montlake: installing underground conduits and new LED streetlights;
- Pioneer Square/SODO: increasing electrical reliability by installing underground conduits.

This is a partial list. For details go to seattle.gov/light/atwork to access our map and learn about individual projects.

GREEN UP!

Make an impact by contributing to a greener, more resilient energy future by joining the City Light Green Up program. Simply add \$3, \$6 or \$12 to your bill per month. Learn more by visiting seattle.gov/light/greenup or call (206) 684-3800.



SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD

"Before you start your yard work this summer, call before you dig. Dial 8-1-1 to have a crew locate underground utilities. The call is free."

Heidi Narte
Arboriculturist



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