



Light reading

Conservation News

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GREEN UP!

Support renewable energy in our community and region through City Light's Green Up program. Add \$3, \$6, or \$12 per month to your bill to purchase renewable energy credits, and to help fund local education initiatives and grants for solar demonstration projects. Visit seattle.gov/greenup to sign up and learn more.

CONSERVATION CROSSWORD

Try our fourth annual Go Green, Get Green crossword puzzle and be entered to win a Wemo Switch, a device that uses your home WiFi to turn electronic devices on or off from anywhere. For rules and eligibility, go to seattle.gov/light/conservationhero.

There are three different ways that you can submit your answers.

1. Enter them online:
seattle.gov/light/conservationhero
2. Email them:
scl_marketing@seattle.gov
3. Mail them: Seattle City Light,
ATTN: Crossword, PO Box 34023,
Seattle, WA 98124

ACROSS

1. ___ bulbs are up to 80 percent more efficient than incandescent bulbs.
3. Using an ___ to heat your home can be very expensive and dangerous.
4. A space heater is good at heating a single ___, or a 2015 Oscar-Award winning film.
5. A Seattle home rarely gets colder than 55 degrees overnight, even in the dead of ___; or a type of wonderland.
6. Don't use a portable ___ near curtains, drapes, clothes, or cords; or a Randy Johnson fastball.

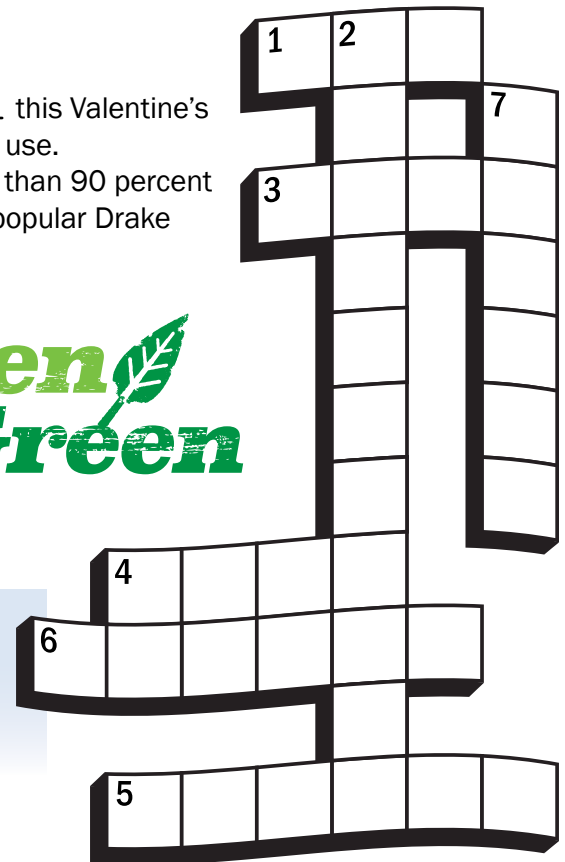
DOWN

2. Write a love letter to the ___ this Valentine's Day by reducing your energy use.
7. Seattle City Light uses more than 90 percent clean, renewable ___; or a popular Drake song.



WORD BANK

Energy	Room
Heater	Winter
LED	Environment
Oven	



DON'T BE FOOLED

In the winter months, thieves are especially active in trying to scam customers, telling them power will be shut off if a bill isn't paid immediately. Don't fall for it. Watch this short video and learn how to avoid being the victim of a scam: seattle.gov/light/StopScams.

SCAM ALERT

NEW BUDGET, BETTER SERVICE

City Light's 2017-18 budget, approved by the City Council last November, includes benefits to our customers. For instance, the utility steps up its support of electric vehicles this year by installing 20 public, fast-charging stations, tripling the number of stations in the city. The budget continues to fund construction of our newest facility, the Denny Substation, which increases reliability and meets rising demands for energy. We're also expanding the city's Utility Discount Program, which reduces utility bills for income-qualified customers.



ADVANCED METERS

City Light is upgrading its technology with advanced electric meters that use secure, encrypted wireless technology. They offer automated outage reports, more accurate billing and enhanced safety features. Advanced meters are currently being installed in new construction, expanding to existing meters this summer. Anyone who doesn't want the advantages of an advanced meter can opt out of the program. Opt-out customers will receive a new, non-communicating digital meter. Additional fees for this non-standard service apply. Details at seattle.gov/light/ami.

AVOID DOWNED POWERLINES

The Seattle Channel and City Light's Ed Hill tell you exactly what to do and what not to do if confronted by a downed power line. Check out the video at seattle.gov/light/powerlinesafety.

HELP WITH BILLS

Be sure to see the flyer that came with your bill to learn more about a variety of programs that can help income-eligible customers with utility bills and more.

IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: CITY LIGHT @ WORK



Crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service:

- Capitol Hill: (East Union St. between 10th and 11th): installing powerlines underground for greater reliability;
- Blue Ridge: installing underground conduits to improve electrical service;
- Pioneer Square/Downtown: installing underground conduits to maintain system;
- South Lake Union/Denny Triangle: installing underground vaults and ducts in advance of the new substation.

This is a partial list. For details go to seattle.gov/light/atwork and click on an orange cone.



SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD

"City Light is a sponsor of Take Winter By Storm, an online resource that offers lots of useful information – how to cope with power outages, winter weather conditions, school closures and more. Visit the website at takewinterbystorm.org."

-Kevin Adkinson
hydroelectric maintenance machinist
Skagit Hydroelectric Project

