



# Light reading

## Conservation News

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### WINTER IS COMING. ARE YOU READY?

It's that time of year again! The chill in the air means that winter is on its way. Here are a few tips from the U.S. Department of Energy\* to keep you warm while conserving energy this season.



#### Heat Up Your Rooms With the Sun

Keep your south-facing curtains open and allow sunlight to heat your home naturally. Don't forget to close them at night!



#### Cover Drafty Windows

Place a heavy-duty clear plastic sheet inside of your window frames. You can also install insulating drapes or shades.



#### Adjust the Temperature

Simply turning your thermostat down 10-15 degrees for eight hours can save you around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills!



#### Find and Seal Leaks

Look for air leaks in pipes and gaps around chimneys. Add caulk or install weatherstripping to keep out cold air while keeping warm air in.



#### Keep Your Water Heating Costs Low

Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F).

\*[energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips](http://energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips)

### KEEP IT COZY!

### RENTER'S CORNER

When you start feeling chilly in your rental, don't go to the thermostat, go for something different! Here are a few tips to stay warm:

- Dressing warmer when the days get colder is less expensive and more efficient than turning up your thermostat.
- Keep a lap blanket or quilt on the couch to stay warm while reading or watching TV.
- Before turning up the thermostat, turn on the kettle. Drinking something hot can help warm you up.

For more money and energy-saving tips, visit [seattle.gov/light/renterscorner](http://seattle.gov/light/renterscorner).



## SIGN UP FOR OUR UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM!

The Utility Discount Program supports income-qualified customers with a discount of 60 percent off electrical and 50 percent off water, sewer and garbage costs; with an average combined savings of \$1,200 a year.

A customer service representative can walk you through the application process. Check out the eligibility guidelines (right) to see if you, or someone you may know such as a family member or friend, may qualify. For personalized assistance with your application, call (206) 684-0268 or learn more at [seattle.gov/light/discount](http://seattle.gov/light/discount).



## Eligibility Guidelines (2018)

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Yearly Income
1	\$2,698	\$32,376
2	\$3,528	\$42,336
3	\$4,348	\$52,296
4	\$5,188	\$62,256
5	\$6,018	\$72,216
6	\$6,848	\$82,176
7	\$7,004	\$84,048
8	\$7,160	\$85,920
9	\$7,315	\$87,780
10	\$7,471	\$89,652
Each Additional	\$156	\$1,872

## OUTAGES

In the Pacific Northwest, winter storms are common and often cause power outages. When an outage occurs, stay up to date on with City Light's outage map for information on the restoration work and timeframe. Go to: [seattle.gov/light/outage](http://seattle.gov/light/outage) to view our outage map.

## LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

City Light works to ensure that all of our customers have reliable power. This is especially important in households that have life-support equipment. City Light offers its Life-Support Equipment Program to assist people in our service area who are dependent on electrically operated life-support equipment.

Enrollment is valid for one year and requires recertification each year. For more information on how to enroll in the Life Support Equipment Program, email [SCL\\_Credit\\_General@Seattle.gov](mailto:SCL_Credit_General@Seattle.gov) or visit our website [seattle.gov/light/LifeSupport](http://seattle.gov/light/LifeSupport).



## SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD

*"From slick roads to foggy mornings, driving in the winter can be hazardous. Make sure your vehicle is prepared for the winter weather, especially before any long-distance travel."*

**-Christopher Posten,**  
City Light Fleet Equipment Servicer



## 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;
- South Lake Union: installing vaults and conduits to connect customers with Denny Substation underground infrastructure;
- Pioneer Square: increasing electrical reliability and supporting alley restoration by replacing old, damaged underground conduits.

This is a partial list. For details go to [seattle.gov/light/atwork](http://seattle.gov/light/atwork) to access our map and learn about individual projects.





Seattle City Light

## **YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE WEATHER, YOU CAN CONTROL YOUR COMFORT**

**City Light will give you \$800-\$1,200 back when you install a new ductless heating and cooling system.**

Cold winter days are here, and so are the heating bills that go with them. Ductless heat pumps are more efficient than a standard electric heating system and could reduce your heating costs by up to 50 percent. You can't control the weather, you can control your comfort and your bills with a ductless system.

Visit [energysolutions.seattle.gov/heating](https://energysolutions.seattle.gov/heating)  
or call (206) 684-3800 for more details.

# GO DUCTLESS AND RECEIVE AN \$800-\$1,200 REBATE



## Indoor Unit

(mounted on a centrally located wall in your home)



## Outdoor unit

(sits on the ground outside of your home)

## Remote Control

(to adjust settings)

**Ductless heating and cooling systems give you more control over your home's temperature and can save you hundreds of dollars per year.**

- Save energy and up to 50% on your electric heating bill
- Experience a more comfortable home with quiet fans and even air circulation
- Enjoy air conditioning (a standard feature!) in summer
- Installation is quick, easy and affordable

Visit [energysolutions.seattle.gov/heating](http://energysolutions.seattle.gov/heating) or call (206) 684-3800 for more details.

*Income-eligible customers may qualify for a new system for free. Visit [seattle.gov/housing/homeowners/weatherization](http://seattle.gov/housing/homeowners/weatherization) or call (206) 684-0244.*

