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LIGHT Reading

TIPS FOR STAYING COOL AND ENERGY-EFFICIENT THIS SUMMER

As summer continues, rising temperatures can make it a challenge to stay cool. Fortunately, there are several effective ways to keep your home comfortable without using a lot of electricity.

In general, remember to stay hydrated with cool drinks, find shady places to rest, and cool down with a cold shower. Here are some more tips to help you beat the heat and stay energy-efficient all summer long.

Avoid heating your home with appliances. Large appliances like ovens can heat up more than just your food — they can also heat up your home! Try minimal-cooking recipes or use appliances like microwaves or electric pressure cookers. Cooking outside on a grill is also a great option.

Install window treatments. Energy-efficient windows or coverings such as blinds, shades, and films greatly reduce heat in your home when temperatures rise.

Replace air filters. If your home's heating/cooling system has an air filtration system, be sure to change out your filters. This improves air quality and makes your home more energy efficient.

Trap cold air in the morning. Before the day heats up, close your windows and draw the blinds on windows that are exposed to the sun. Try to keep windows or doors shut when it's cooler inside than outside.

Get efficient. Hotter summers and heat waves are quickly becoming the new normal. Now is as good a time as any to start learning how to use electricity more efficiently. This will save you money and keep you cool this season.

If you are a homeowner, consider long-term improvements like insulating and sealing your home, upgrading windows, planting shade trees, or installing heat pumps. These steps will help keep your home cool and contribute to energy efficiency.

If you are a renter, encourage your landlord to do the same! And remember that City Light offers instant discounts to contractors purchasing high-efficiency heat pumps through various local distributors.

For more energy-saving tips and ways to stay comfortable this summer, visit seattle.gov/city-light/energy-tips.



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ENROLL IN THE UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM

We encourage all income-eligible residential customers to enroll in the Utility Discount Program. Customers who enroll receive an ongoing 60% discount on future City Light electricity bills. Plus, they also receive a 50% bill discount for customers who receive their water, sewer, and solid waste services from Seattle Public Utilities. Even if your landlord pays the bill, you can still benefit. To find out if you qualify, visit seattle.gov/UDP.

INCENTIVES AND REBATES

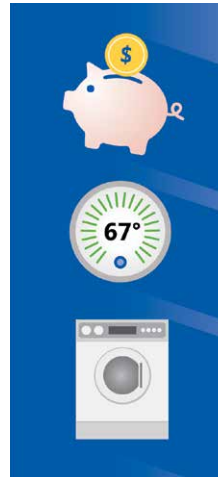
Are you looking to better control your home temperature and save on your electricity bill? Consider upgrading to a smart thermostat for your electric baseboard heating. You can save up to 25% on heating bills with precise temperature control and easy in-app programming. City Light customers can enjoy a \$50 rebate per thermostat (limit 5).

Try a thermostatic shut-off valve to save hot water while enjoying your showers. This smart device reduces water to a trickle at 95 degrees and resumes full flow when you're ready. You can receive a \$15 instant rebate per unit, with up to three units per home.

We also offer incentives and rebates for Energy Star washers, heat pump dryers, heat pump water heaters, smart thermostats for electric heaters, and heat pumps, which use 50% to 80% less energy than other options. Learn more about City Light incentives and rebates at seattle.gov/city-light/energy-tips.

TAKE A SKAGIT TOUR

Looking to get out of town for a quick trip? Our Skagit Tours in the beautiful North Cascades are just a scenic, three-hour drive from Seattle. Cruise the lake, learn more about where your power comes from, enjoy spectacular views, and hear stories about the local dams and powerhouses. Whether it's your first or fiftieth time, an excursion with Skagit Tours should be on your summer travel list. Start planning your North Cascades adventure today at skagittours.com.



Seattle City Light crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service. The following projects continue across our service area:

- Updating electrical infrastructure for streetlights.
- Installing public Level 2 electric vehicle chargers at curbside locations.
- Replacing aging utility poles to enhance safety and reliability.
- Installing line sensors to support faster identification and resolution of unplanned outages.

Learn more about projects in your area by visiting seattle.gov/city-light/current-projects.

SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD



It's hot, so stay prepared for the heat by making extra ice, unplugging electrical appliances not in use, and staying hydrated.



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