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KEEP YOUR HOME WARM WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK

Heating the home usually makes up half or more of the annual electric costs of electrically heated homes. But there are ways you can keep your home at a comfortable temperature without wasting energy.

- Weatherstrip and caulk around all doors and windows to keep warm air inside your home.
- Make sure the flue is closed when your fireplace is not in use, or install glass doors to help eliminate drafts.
- Consider installing a programmable thermostat.
- Insulate walls, ceilings, water pipes, ductwork and flooring over crawl spaces. Upgrading insulation is one of the most cost effective energy conservation measures with immediate and lasting benefits.
- Replace or cover single pane windows.
- Consider replacing an outdated heating system with a heat pump to heat and cool your home efficiently.

Clark Public Utilities offers rebates for many of these energy efficiency measures for electrically heated homes. To learn more, visit our website or contact an energy counselor directly at 360-992-3355 or ecod@clarkpud.com.

LIGHT LINES

Outfit Your House with Energy Efficient Lighting

In terms of energy usage, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are pretty close, but LEDs take the lead and last up to 25,000 hours. CFLs are still cheaper but LED prices continue to fall and Clark Public Utilities' Simple Steps program provides discounts on efficient bulbs at local stores. So look for the Simple Steps logo when you're shopping for light bulbs to know you're getting an instant utility rebate.

Clark Public Utilities has long provided free recycling and exchange of burned out CFLs. Customers can bring in burned out screw-in CFLs to any utility location for recycling and receive two free LEDs per day in exchange. CFLs contain small amounts of mercury so recycling them properly is important for safety and the environment!



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DON'T LET MOLD TAKE HOLD!



When moist air meets cold surfaces like windows or exterior walls, condensation collects and can lead to mildew, mold and even dry rot. Here are some steps you can take to avoid issues in your home.

- Heat and air movement help prevent mold from developing. Make sure your exhaust fans are working and in use when cooking, bathing, or doing laundry. Leave the fan on for a bit after you're finished to make sure all the excess moisture is gone. Using a timer switch can keep moisture at bay without wasting energy.
- Fix leaky faucets as soon as possible.
- Make sure clothes dryers are vented outside.
- House plants put a lot of moisture in the air. If you like having plants inside, choose varieties that need little watering.
- Keep walls and surfaces clean of soap scum, dust and dirt. This will help prevent mold spores from forming.

ENERGY CALCULATOR CAN HELP REDUCE WASTE AND LOWER YOUR BILL



If your bills have increased or you are curious about where your energy dollars are going, check out our free online Home Energy Calculator. This easy-to-use tool helps evaluate your home's energy use and find ways to cut down on wasted energy.

With the calculator, you'll first enter the age and style of your home, the size of your household, and the number and age of your appliances. Based on the information provided, you'll see how much electricity is being used by your home's various appliances and learn about changes you can make to cut energy costs. Visit www.ClarkPublicUtilities.com and find ways to lower your bill today!

Clark Public Utilities received the highest numerical score among 14 West Midsize brands in the J.D. Power 2008-2017 Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study. 2017 study based on 99,145 total responses, measuring customer experiences and perceptions with their residential electric utility company, surveyed July 2016-May 2017. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.

GIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY A GREEN LIGHT



For as little as \$1 a month, you can support local development of clean, renewable electricity through our voluntary Green Lights program. A portion of the funds also supports local education by providing teacher training and renewable energy classroom materials to students across Clark County.



"Highest in Customer Satisfaction among Midsize Utilities in the West, Ten Years in a Row"