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REDUCE ENERGY WASTE FOR EARTH DAY

Spring is a great time to start thinking about ways you can save energy in your home. There are many simple and affordable ways to cut energy waste and lower your bill, all year long. Here are a few ideas:

- Use timer light switches in garages, attics and other areas where lights may be accidentally forgotten and left on for long periods.
- Motion and daylight sensors on outdoor fixtures can help ensure that porch and garage lights are not left on during the day.
- When the weather improves, that's the time to prepare for next year's cold season by weatherstripping and caulking around doors and windows.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. Not only do these inexpensive changes reduce water use, they also lower energy use by cutting back on water heating costs.
- When running your dishwasher or clothes washer, use an energy efficient setting if available, only run full loads, and consider air-drying.
- Set refrigerators no colder than 37 degrees Fahrenheit and freezers to 0 degrees Fahrenheit. A refrigerator/freezer thermometer is a good investment!
- Using a ceiling fan is an inexpensive way to stay cool. If you have air conditioning, set it a few degrees higher than you would normally to save on cooling costs.

LIGHT LINES

Recycle CFL Bulbs



An easy way to cut energy waste and make your home more efficient is to swap old incandescent bulbs or even compact fluorescent bulbs for light-emitting diodes.

Both CFLs and LEDs are more efficient than traditional bulbs, but LEDs last many years longer and produce light with almost no heat, a benefit in warmer months.

To help you make the switch, safely recycle your burned out screw-in CFLs at any Clark Public Utilities customer service location and we'll trade you two free LEDs per day in exchange.



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TREE LINE USA AWARD RECOGNIZES UTILITY'S COMMITMENT TO RELIABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT



For the 19th consecutive year, Tree Line USA, in collaboration with the National Association of State Foresters, has named Clark Public Utilities a Tree Line USA electric service provider. This award recognizes utilities that protect and support the growth of America's urban forests through best practices in arboriculture, demonstrating how trees and utilities can co-exist for the benefit of communities and citizens. The award is based on the following criteria:

- Practicing quality tree care for pruning, planting, removals, trenching, and tunneling near trees.
- Making sure utility employees and contract workers receive annual training in best practices.
- Managing a tree planting and public education program.
- Promoting the benefits of trees in energy conservation programs.

Although we trim trees year-round to ensure the reliability of the electric system, we also plant native trees to help restore wildlife habitat and protect stream quality.

Talk to your local nursery or check the Clark Public Utilities website for TreeSmart guidelines, lists of trees appropriate for planting near power lines, and tips to help keep our local electric system safe and reliable.

PLAN BEFORE YOU PLANT



Trees are a great way to shade your home in the summer, add beauty to your yard and keep the air clean. But trees can also cause damage if planted too close to power lines. In fact, trees contacting power lines cause 20 percent of all outages in Clark County.

If you're planning to plant a tree or bush under a power line or near utility equipment, it's important to know some specifics. The most important thing is to choose the right kind of tree. When planting under power lines, choose trees that only grow up to 25 feet tall and plant trees and shrubs at least six feet away from utility poles or equipment. And always remember to call 811 two business days before you dig.

DIG INTO DOZER DAY



Kids who love heavy construction equipment, are invited to dig in at Dozer Day, May 19 and 20 at the Clark County Fairgrounds. At Dozer Day, kids get the chance to drive real bulldozers, dump trucks and excavators with the help of safe, trained professionals.

This community event, organized by the Nutter Foundation, raises funds for local children's charities and Clark Public Utilities is proud to be a long-time event partner. Look for our linetruck and activity tent at the event! For information and event tickets, visit www.vancouver.dozerday.org.

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.



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