

# Currents

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## SIMPLE STEPS CAN MAKE YOUR HOUSEHOLD WISER WITH WATER

When it comes to water conservation, even a few small changes can add up to big savings — without sacrificing comfort or convenience.

Water-saving habits are easy to build into your daily routine. Start by turning off the tap when brushing your teeth or washing your hands. Just turn it back on when you need a quick rinse.

Think big when it comes to doing laundry or running the dishwasher. Wait until you have a full load before running either machine. When you're loading the dishwasher, use a sponge or a brush to scrape your dishes rather than prewashing them under the faucet.

If you do your dishes by hand, fill the sink with less water than you would normally. You may be surprised by how little water you need to keep your dishes shining.

Installing aerators, flow-reduction attachments and low-flow showerheads are cheap, easy, and save lots of water without sacrificing comfort. A sink aerator alone can reduce water consumption from 2.2 gallons per minute to 1.5 or even 0.5 gallons per minute.

A dripping faucet or spigot never rests. So, make sure to close water taps tightly before stepping away. If your tap still runs even after it's shut tight, have it repaired as soon as possible. Over time, even tiny drops add up to many lost gallons.

It's also wise to occasionally check the plumbing around your home for leaks or damage. You can also test for leaks by shutting off all the water in your home and checking if the meter continues to move. If something doesn't look right or your or meter keeps running with everything off, call a professional to have it inspected and repaired as soon as possible.

## LIGHT LINES

**SAFEGWATCH IS A  
COMMUNITY SAFEGUARD**



Since 1998, Clark Public Utilities and C-TRAN have worked together to provide the public a visible safety resource when they're in need of help. Since then, numerous emergency response agencies have joined the cause to keep our community safe.

Every utility vehicle is a SafeWatch vehicle that can offer immediate access to emergency services. When anyone is in need, all they have to do is flag down the driver. That person will do whatever they can to assist.

Drivers of SafeWatch vehicles typically have radios or phones they can use to call for assistance. Many are also trained in CPR and first aid.



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## STREAMTEAM WORKS TO BRING THE SALMON BACK TO SALMON CREEK



Everyone at Clark Public Utilities loves the green and beautiful natural settings of our corner of the Pacific Northwest and we're committed to preserving it for future generations.

Since 1992, StreamTeam, the utility's volunteer-driven environmental conservation program, has been leading the charge. StreamTeam works to address problems and protect native species in the Salmon Creek and East Fork Lewis River watersheds in Clark County.

Ever since those early days, StreamTeam volunteers have planted more than 936,000 plants to restore roughly 530 acres of land along 17 miles of stream. On top that, they've installed 10 miles of livestock exclusion fencing, stabilized two miles of streambank and removed countless tons of garbage from local greenspaces.

StreamTeam is led by a small and dedicated team of utility employees and powered by the passion and hard work of countless volunteers. Together we can protect native plants, remove noxious weeds and restore habitat for migratory salmon and local wildlife. The group is also proud to offer free services to and build bonds with local landowners who want to remove noxious weeds and restore streambanks.

If you'd like to learn more about their services or how to get involved, visit [streamteam.net](http://streamteam.net) or call 360-992-8585.

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## HEAT PUMPS CAN BEAT THE HEAT— AND THE COLD

If this summer's searing temperatures have you planning to invest in an air conditioner, consider a heat pump instead to enjoy year-round comfort and energy savings.

Whether standard or ductless, heat pumps offer heating or air conditioning at the push of a button. They're quiet, work quickly and can produce impressive energy savings. Clark Public Utilities customers with electrically heated homes can reduce their heating bills by around 30 percent when they upgrade to a heat pump.

Of all the energy conservation rebates and incentives we offer, the heat pump and ductless heat pump programs are consistently the most popular among our customers. Contact us today or visit our website to learn more about heat pumps, if one is right for you and if you may qualify for a rebate or a low-interest loan.



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