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# TIPS TO KEEP COMFORTABLE AND **SAVE ENERGY IN A RENTAL**

There are many opportunities to reduce energy expenses without sacrificing personal comfort in a rental property.

While big ticket energy efficient upgrades are best left to the property owner, making changes to daily habits can add up to surprising energy savings.

If a home has a programmable thermostat, use it. Programming the thermostat around your schedule will maximize personal comfort and avoid wasting energy.

This summer, open your windows in the evenings and early mornings to allow cool air in, but be mindful of safety as screens are not strong enough to prevent a person coming in or falling out of a window. During the day, keep your home cooler longer by using drapes or blinds to block the sun.

Cooking a small meal or a side dish? Using a toaster oven, air fryer or microwave will consume less energy than heating a conventional oven. Plus, using small appliances helps keep your home cool.

Switching out incandescent and even CFL lightbulbs to LEDs will significantly reduce lighting expenses, and LED bulbs produce almost no heat. Taking shorter showers, washing fuller loads of laundry with cold water and using the dishwasher instead of washing dishes by hand will reduce water heating costs.

For more energy-saving tips, visit our website or contact the Energy Counselor of the Day during business hours at 360-992-3355.

# **LIGHT LINES**

### **CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG**

Summer is a great time of year to improve home landscaping, especially by planting deciduous trees and shrubs around your property. But before digging any holes, avoid personal injury and property damage with a call to 811 or 1-800-424-5555 at least two working days in advance. One call will notify every local utility to come and locate underground facilities, all free of charge.

Property owners don't have to be on site for locates. Workers will visit your property and mark all utilities with color-coded paint along the lawn and possibly the driveway. The paint is water-soluble and will wash away within two weeks. The paint color corresponds with the specific utility line that is marked.



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#### KIDS INVITED TO EXPLORE NEW POWERZONE





Clark Public Utilities is proud to present the new PowerZone, an engaging, entertaining and educational new website for kids, parents, educators and the community.

PowerZone is a dynamic, interactive resource for curious kids. While the content and activities are tailored to school-age learners, there is truly something for everyone!

The PowerZone website is packed with project ideas, online games and activities, and interactive features to explore electricity, water, our natural environment, renewable energy and all the ways we work in the utility world.

Visit powerzone.clarkpublicutilities.com today or use the QR code our PowerZone host Clark the Douglas squirrel is holding to start exploring on a computer, tablet or phone!

# COOL OFF THIS SUMMER WITH A NEW HEAT PUMP

Make this the summer you say goodbye to portable air conditioners and hello to year-round comfort and lower energy costs by investing in a heat pump or ductless heat pump—and save on the purchase with assistance from Clark Public Utilities.

Heat pumps are an extremely efficient way to heat or cool your home all year long. Plus, they use far less energy than other electric-source heating and can significantly reduce your home heating and cooling bill.

Customers with electrically heated homes may qualify for a rebate up to \$2,000 on a heat pump or \$1,000 on a ductless heat pump. Certain restrictions apply to each rebate. Don't delay, these rebate amounts will be reduced at the end of September.

To find out more, contact us today, or visit the "Rebates & Loan Programs" page on our website.

Para ver una versión en español de este boletín, visite nuestro sitio web. Если вы хотите прочесть данную брошюру на русском языке, пожалуйста, посетите наш сайт.



"Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Residential Electric Service in the West among Midsize Utilities, 14 years in a row."

Clark Public Utilities received the highest score in the West Midsize segment of the J.D. Power 2008-2021 Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Studies of customers' satisfaction with electric utility residential services. Visit jdpower.com/awards for more details.

#### **CLARK PUBLIC UTILITIES 2020 FUEL MIX**

We have a diversified power supply to meet your needs.

 Hydro
 ...
 50.94%

 Natural Gas
 ...
 29.87%

 Nuclear
 ...
 6.52%

 Wind
 ...
 3.05%

 Unspecified\*
 ...
 9.62%



Under the fuel mix disclosure law, RCW 19.29A, Washington utilities are required to report the sources of power used to serve their customers. The Department of Commerce collects and publishes this data annually. The most recent published data is for the year 2020.

\* "Unspecified" is composed of wholesale market purchases from unspecified generation sources.

This is the utility's most-current fuel mix report.