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WATERING WISELY IS A WIN

Whether we're washing the car, raising a garden or running the dishwasher, water is a resource we all require and can use responsibly.

Although heavy spring storms built a strong snowpack this year, it's still wise to do your part to preserve our local reservoirs, waterways and aquifer.

Making a few small changes in the home and the yard when the weather is warm can save you money and help conserve the local water supply without sacrificing personal comfort.

First, avoid overwatering your lawn. Most lawns only require an inch of water per week, but the timing matters. Watering lawns and gardens in the early morning or evening when it's cool helps avoid evaporation and increase absorption. And remember to pause sprinkler schedules when the forecast calls for rain, some systems will even do that automatically.

Next, watch for and fix leaks right away. A leaky faucet washes money down the drain. Even tiny leaks can waste hundreds of gallons per month, but can often be fixed with the twist of a wrench.

High-efficiency showerheads and aerators are simple to install and significantly reduce the amount of water consumed while bathing or using the sink.

Using an Energy Star-rated dishwasher rather than hand washing dishes will reduce the time you spend standing at the sink and the amount of water that goes down the drain. Scraping dishes rather than rinsing them before loading the machine will save even more. Running a faucet for just a few minutes can use the same amount of water an efficient dishwasher uses in an entire cycle. And reducing use of hot water saves energy, too.

LIGHT LINES

SAFEGUARD IS A SAFE GUARD FOR COMMUNITY

Since 1998, Clark Public Utilities and C-TRAN have worked together to provide the public a visible safety resource when help is needed, and many public service and emergency response agencies have joined the SafeWatch program to help keep our community safe.

Look for the SafeWatch sticker! And wave arms overhead to flag down help. Every utility vehicle is a SafeWatch vehicle. Once stopped, the driver can radio or call for assistance, and many are also trained in CPR and first aid.



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CLARK PUBLIC UTILITIES DONATES EMPOWERING BOOKS TO SCHOOL LIBRARIES



Clark Public Utilities has a long tradition of educational programming for local students, with many current employees remembering touring the Operations Warehouse decades ago as fourth graders on our still-popular elementary school field trip.

Through our EmPOWERing Your Knowledge program, the utility donates books to elementary public school libraries in Clark County, with a new theme every academic year.

This year's theme is "EmPOWERing Your Knowledge is Bee-utiful!" in support of local pollinators and the utility's Pollinator Project, incorporating pollinator habitat on our

properties with safe landscaping and new pollinator-friendly gardens and meadows.

All public elementary school libraries in our service area will receive a fun to read, beautifully illustrated book with locally specific, scientifically accurate information about pollinators.

To learn more, visit our new interactive website for kids (and learners of all ages), the PowerZone at ClarkPUDPowerZone.com.

ACT QUICKLY! HEAT PUMP REBATES RETURN TO PREVIOUS RATES

Now may be the best time to install the heat pump you've considered. Starting October 1, the utility's heat pump rebates will return to pre-promotion levels. None will go below 2020 rates and some will remain higher than the pre-promotion levels.

To assist as many customers as possible, the utility offers seven different heat pump and ductless heat pump incentive programs and a variety of other rebates, incentives and financing options for customers with electrically heated homes.

For more information about rebate changes, or questions about any current rebate options, call the Energy Counselor of the Day at 360-992-3355 or visit ClarkPublicUtilities.com.

BE A WEED WATCHER!

With only a smartphone needed, Clark County residents interested in protecting local habitat for bees, birds, salmon and everything in between are invited to join Weed Watchers and help protect our beautiful and biologically diverse landscape.



The utility's Eradication Nation program, focused on controlling and removing non-native and invasive plants, has launched Weed Watchers. The new initiative provides an easy way to identify and track down noxious weeds, and notify experts who can safely remove them. Whether you're on a mission to tag them all, or stop to note one or two weeds on an evening stroll, volunteers can invest lots of time, or just a little, and every bit helps.

Ready to help us round up invasive and unwelcome weeds? Email eradication@clarkpud.com, subject line "Weed Watchers Sign Up" and include your name, contact information and preferred method of contact. We'll get back to you and with one brief training you'll learn how to identify particularly problematic weeds and use a free and easy smartphone app to geotag locations. Together we can keep Clark County habitat healthy!



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