

# Currents

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## TIPS TO KEEP COOL THIS SUMMER

Summer's long days and sunny skies bring high temperatures that often stay a little too high for comfort. Here are some low- and no-cost tips to stay cool and comfortable when the mercury rises this year.

**EMBRACE THE MORNING CHILL.** If it's safe to do so, open your windows in the early morning hours or overnight to allow cool air to circulate through your home. Then trap that cold air indoors by closing your windows before outdoor temperatures start to rise. Lastly, shut the blinds or curtains on the sunny side of your home to block those warming rays.

**SKIP THE STOVETOP.** Cooking on a stove or with the oven heats more than just your food. That excess heat can make your home noticeably warmer or send your air conditioner into energy-consuming overtime. Stay cool by grilling outdoors or embrace seasonal meals like summer salads, snack plates and refreshingly cool drinks.

**PRIORITIZE PERSONAL COMFORT.** Focus on cooling yourself instead of the whole room. Sit in front of a fan or hop in a cool shower for immediate relief. Resting with damp hair and skin in front a breezy fan will cool the body, even when the home is warm.

**HIT THE TOWN.** Movie theaters, shopping malls, libraries and many restaurants have air conditioning systems in place for the benefit of their patrons. If your home is uncomfortably hot, consider visiting a cooler public location for a few hours. In extreme heat, cooling centers may also be opened for safety.

**MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR AIR CONDITIONING.** If you do use air conditioning, set it to 76 degrees or higher to balance comfort and energy efficiency. Shut it off when you're asleep or away from home.

## LIGHT LINES



### BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS WITH LADDERS OUTDOORS

Climbing a roof or trimming a tree? Be extra cautious of overhead power lines when working outdoors, especially when using ladders.

Working too close to power lines with tools could cause electricity to arc and result in burns or shock, even if the line isn't touched.

For added safety, use ladders with non-conductive side rails (not metal) and make sure they are clean, dry and in good condition.

If a tree is growing into overhead power lines, do not trim it yourself! Contact Clark Public Utilities for help.



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## JOIN US FOR THE FIRST POLLINATOR FESTIVAL!



Celebrate National Pollinator Week at Clark Public Utilities' first-ever Pollinator Festival on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at our Operation Center, 8600 NE 117th Ave. in Orchards.

Join a pollinator garden tour with our friendly, knowledgeable staff and learn how you can provide food and habitat for the hummingbirds, butterflies, bees and many pollinators native to Clark County.

Learn from renowned professor, pollinator expert and best-selling author Doug Tallamy as he presents on effective and easy ways to turn your yard into a conservation corridor.

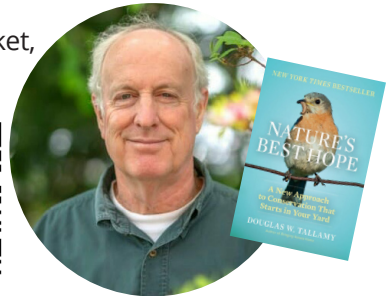
Find new pollinator-friendly plants and seeds offered by local growers and purchase them to plant at home.

This family-friendly event will have many activities, hosted by utility employee volunteers alongside more than 25 partner organizations, for children and adults alike.

After chatting with the experts, peruse the pop-up farmers market, grab a bite from a food truck and enjoy the live music.

Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle.

More information is available online!



## TIME FOR BACKFLOW TESTING

Clark Public Utilities water customers who aren't sure if they have a backflow assembly can call 360-992- 8589. Home and property owners with a backflow prevention device must have it inspected at least once a year.

Backflow prevention devices are typically found on irrigation or automatic lawn watering systems, or large dedicated fire suppression systems.

Early summer is the ideal time for inspection to ensure safety and prevent contamination of the water supply.

Customers with a backflow preventer who would like to participate in the utility's annual testing program can also call and request enrollment.

The program is only available to Clark Public Utilities water customers. Other providers may offer similar programs or resources.



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