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INSTANT ONLINE REBATES ON SMART THERMOSTATS AVAILABLE

Smart thermostats balance personal comfort and energy efficiency to take the guesswork out of lowering monthly heating costs. And Clark Public Utilities customers with eligible electric heating systems may qualify for a free smart thermostat in time for the height of heating season.

Smart thermostats' simple designs make them easy to use, but behind the dial are sophisticated tools that adjust the temperature according to your household habits and schedules to maximize personal comfort and energy efficiency automatically. Home heating and cooling are typically the largest contributors to residential utility bills, but smart thermostat can reduce these costs by up to 10% per year.

Depending on the model, smart thermostats can learn your preferred temperature settings after about a week. Then they use local weather and the home's ambient conditions to adjust the temperature to your comfort zone around the clock. They can even recognize that you are no longer home and set the temperature back for greater savings.

When the thermostat is connected to an app, owners can control the thermostat remotely and review specific energy consumption information for more ways to reduce energy waste.

Qualifying customers can select one of four smart thermostat options at clark.gpfulfillment.com. Shipping is free, just pay the sales tax. All models have significant rebates; one is completely free, while supplies last. Installation is not included but many handy homeowners can self-install. Certain qualifications apply, visit the website for specific details.

Mail-in rebates are also available, if preferred. For more information, contact the Energy Counselor of the Day at 360-992-3355.

With winter on the way, this is the ideal time to set your home up for savings on your heating bill. Visit the website or scan the QR Code to learn more.



LIGHT LINES

BE SAFE WITH EXTENSION CORDS



Extension cords are a handy tool during the holiday season, but make sure you're keeping safety at the top of your wish list.

Ensure the cords are in good shape before plugging in. Avoid running them behind furniture, under rugs or through doorways, and never nail or staple a cord down. This can damage the cord's insulation and cause a fire or electric shock.

When using them outside, use only cords marked for outdoor use, and rated for the power needs of the connected device.



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SMALL APPLIANCES BAKE IN BIG HOLIDAY SAVINGS

This time of year is full of work parties, family get-togethers and holiday celebrations, and that can mean lots of time in the kitchen.



If the holidays have your kitchen appliances working overtime, consider thinking small to save energy on your culinary creations. Whether you're making an appetizer for a potluck or pie for dessert, appliances like air fryers, convection ovens, crockpots, microwaves and even kettles can help reduce energy waste, and sometimes shorten cooking times.

For instance, a larger toaster oven is around 1,200 watts, while a standard electric oven may be around 4,500. If that toaster oven is used for 1 hour to bake your favorite dish, it'll cost just under 10 cents to do it. Do that every day for a month and it'll cost just under \$3. The same meal cooked in a conventional oven will be 36 cents for the hour, or about \$11 a month, if used daily.

Not only will the smaller oven save energy, but it'll require less time to pre-heat to the desired temperature.

For savory soups, tender cutlets and hearty dips, skip the oven and look to the crockpot. Typically rated for between 180 and 400 watts, they'll use just a fraction of the power of a conventional oven.

When it's time to clean up, put the dishwasher to work. Dishwashers use much less water and less energy than washing by hand does. An Energy Star dishwasher can use as little as three gallons per load. Plus, newer dishwashers have efficient heaters built in to keep the water hot and don't need to continually draw from your hot water tank.

The more often you use smaller appliances, the more energy you'll save and the lower your kitchen-related energy expenses can be. And that's a reason for some holiday cheer.

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BE ALERT FOR UTILITY SCAMS

Scams sometimes target Clark Public Utilities customers over the phone or door-to-door. If you receive an unexpected call or a visit from someone claiming to be from Clark Public Utilities and asking for a payment with threat of immediate disconnection – hang up or shut the door– even if the call appears to be coming from the utility phone number or the person shows a utility logo. Then call us at 360-992-3000 to check the status of your account. Scams can be sophisticated and convincing and a utility employee will never be offended if customers call to verify a contact.

FUEL MIX

We have a diversified power supply to meet your needs. Below is the most current Clark Public Utilities fuel mix, as published for the year 2021 by the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Hydro	45.69%
Natural Gas	34.29%
Nuclear	5.85%
Wind	4.15%
Unspecified*	10.02%

* "Unspecified" is a mix of wholesale market purchases from unspecified generation sources.



"Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Residential Electric Service in the West among Midsize Utilities, 15 years in a row."

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