

# Currents

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## ANNUAL HOME & GARDEN IDEA FAIR OFFERS SOLUTIONS AND INSPIRATION



Kickoff the home improvement season during the annual Clark Public Utilities Home & Garden Idea Fair, April 27 & 28 at the Clark County Event Center at the Fairgrounds!

For more than 30 years, the Clark Public Utilities Home & Garden Idea Fair has been an annual tradition and a way for the utility to give back to the communities we serve.

Knowledgeable utility employees volunteer time to host the show every year and provide tips to make your home more energy efficient and safe during power outages. Our employee-volunteers also host dozens of free activities and demonstrations, hands on learning activities, and beautiful pollinator and native plant garden displays.

Hundreds of local home and garden businesses and community organizations will be there demonstrating products and services for remodels, building projects, landscape designs and home safety.

Browse the full-scale landscape features for yard and garden inspiration, then shop one of the largest plant sales in the region to fill out your landscape design.

Explore the Energy Efficient Alternative Ways of Living to see a tiny neighborhood of unique, nonconventional and converted homes. Then stop by the electric vehicle garage to learn how much you can save on fuel and maintenance costs by switching to an EV.

This year, stop by the farmers market, pollinator pavilion and youth makers market to browse locally made goods from artisans of all ages and products to support critical pollinators.

The Home & Garden Idea Fair will be open Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, so don't make the trip on Friday! Admission is free. Fairgrounds parking is \$6. Free shuttles are available. To learn more, visit: [clarkpublicutilities.com/hgif](https://clarkpublicutilities.com/hgif).

## NEW ELECTRIC RATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1

Electric rates have changed for the first time since 2011 due to increased power supply costs.

More information about base and kilowatt-hour charges is available at [clarkpublicutilities.com/rates](https://clarkpublicutilities.com/rates)

Any customer struggling to pay utility bills should call 360-992-3000 or visit our website for more information. Customer service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and options for energy assistance and flexible payment arrangements are available.



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SPRING IS BACKFLOW PREVENTION SEASON



Before turning on the lawn sprinkler, garden drip or irrigation system, have it inspected — especially the system’s backflow prevention device.

Backflow prevention devices protect the local water supply from toxic substances that could get drawn in by a malfunctioning irrigation system. State law requires all sprinkler and irrigation systems to have an approved backflow device installed, and for that device to be inspected by a certified backflow tester annually.

Visit our website for a list of state-certified backflow testers. Water customers of Clark Public Utilities can also find information on our optional annual backflow testing program online, visit our website or use the QR code to learn more.



RACE FOR WARMTH RAISES RECORD FUNDS



Nearly 1,500 walkers, runners and riders in this year’s Race for Warmth contributed a record-setting \$70,000 to Clark Public Utilities’ Operation Warm Heart.

Every dollar of race registration goes directly to local families in financial crisis to help pay home energy expenses.

The Race for Warmth is produced and hosted by Clark Public Utilities with support from local businesses, including Area Heating & Cooling, New Tradition Homes, Columbia Credit Union, Burgerville and many more!



“Highest for Residential Customer Satisfaction among Midsize Electric Utilities in the West, 16 Years in a Row”

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FUEL MIX



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

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|------------------------|--------|
| 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.

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