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EASY WAYS TO REDUCE WASTE AND SAVE ON ENERGY BILLS

Small changes in behavior and sometimes minor adjustments to household equipment use can help save energy and reduce utility expenses. Here are some affordable ways to find and outsmart energy waste at home:



Set Thermostat Fan to "Auto"

Setting the thermostat fan to "auto" tells the furnace or heat pump fan to engage only when the HVAC system is running. Setting the fan to "on" makes the fan run constantly, which can cost up to an extra \$20 per month.



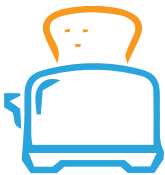
Keep Vents Open

Closing vents doesn't save money. In fact, it can do the opposite. Ducted systems are designed to condition the whole house, and if temperature sensors are near closed vents, the heating or cooling system may stay on longer and work harder than needed.



Ensure Water Heaters Are Set Right

Heating water is typically the second largest energy cost in the home and the higher the tank temperature is set, the more energy it uses. The tank should be set to 120° and the tap should be around 110-120°.



Small Appliances Offer Big Savings

From appetizers to dessert, small appliances like air fryers, toaster ovens, crockpots, and kettles can cut energy costs. A larger toaster oven uses about a quarter of the energy compared to a full-size electric oven, and the savings can add up quickly over time.



Put the Dishwasher to Work

Dishwashers use much less water and less energy than washing by hand. An Energy Star dishwasher can use as little as 4 gallons per load, while washing by hand can use 20 gallons.

LIGHT LINES

POWER DOWN YOUR ELECTRONICS TO SAVE

Many modern devices don't shut off completely when the power button is pressed. Instead, they enter a "rest" or "sleep" mode and continue to draw a low amount of power. A household full of "sleeping" devices can add up to surprising energy waste.

To trim energy cost, make sure electronics are completely off after use. For convenience and greater control, connect multiple devices that are often used together to a power strip and shut them all off at once. Smart plugs can do the same and often include scheduling and remote adjustment features.



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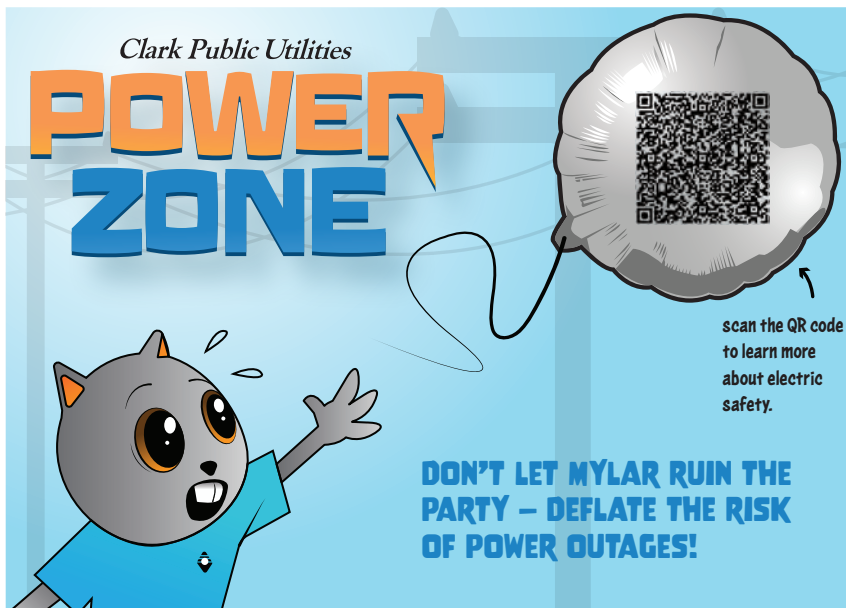


KEEP MYLAR BALLOONS FAR FROM POWER LINES

The season for outdoor celebrations is just getting started. If decorations for your big event include Mylar balloons, take extra care to keep them tied down and far from power lines.

Helium-filled balloons can float high and far and can get tangled in overhead equipment like cables, transformers and substations. When Mylar balloons contact power lines or energized equipment, the party is over quickly because they can cause neighborhood blackouts and damage that requires hours to repair.

Play it safe at your next celebration, keep the Mylar balloons indoors and securely tied down away from doors or windows. If it's important to have them outside, make sure they are anchored to something heavy, tied securely and out of the reach of individuals who may be tempted to set them free.



GREEN LIGHTS HELPS GREEN ENERGY GROW IN THE NORTHWEST

Green Lights is a voluntary Clark Public Utilities program that provides an opportunity for customers to offset carbon impacts of energy use and support regional renewable energy development through the purchase of renewable energy credits. Each Green Lights "block" is \$1 and represents a 100-kilowatt-hour carbon offset through regional renewable energy credits. Customers can participate at any level and choose to start or stop at any time.

Green Lights is offered in partnership with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation and supports wind, solar and other forms of clean, renewable power in our region.



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