

July/August 2021

LIGHT Reading

STAY COOL AND ENERGY EFFICIENT THIS SUMMER!

There are few things better than summertime in the Pacific Northwest! This year, keep your family cool and your energy usage low with these tips:



Invest in energy-efficient windows.

Upgrading your windows to high-performance, energy-efficient models will improve the comfort of your home, as well as lower your energy bills.



Keep the sunshine out.

Reduce the heat in your home by shutting your windows and blinds facing the sun during the day. Then, open them at night.



Reduce the use of ceiling fans.

Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room to conserve energy. Remember that fans cool people, not rooms.



Avoid heating your home with appliances.

Large appliances like ovens and ranges don't just heat up your food; they can also heat up your home! This summer, try recipes that require minimal cooking or use appliances like microwaves, electric pressure cookers or even cook outside on a grill.

For more tips to keep your home energy efficient, visit seattle.gov/city-light/stay-cool-tips.

CITY LIGHT PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The impact of the pandemic continues to create significant financial hardships for our customers. City Light is committed to ensuring all customers have access to clean energy, no matter their income. We offer payment assistance programs for income-eligible residential customers to help ease the burden during this time. Learn more at seattle.gov/city-light/paymentassistance.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY COVID BILL ASSISTANCE

Attention: Residential Natural Gas Customers

PSE has launched a COVID Bill Assistance Program for customers who may have been impacted by the pandemic. It's called CACAP and if you qualify, PSE will credit your account for past-due balances up to \$2,500.

For more information: pse.com/assistance.



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ESCAPE TO THE NORTH CASCADES!

This summer, enjoy the beauty of the North Cascades on a Skagit Tours boat tour. Our tours comply with current health and capacity guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable tour experience for all. Tickets are now available. Reserve your seats at [SkagitTours.com](https://www.skagitours.com) or call (360) 854-2589.

A NEW WAY TO GIVE TO PROJECT SHARE

Since 1990, City Light has assisted customers facing financial challenges, including overdue electricity bills and emergency assistance through Project Share. Today, even more of our customers and neighbors are experiencing hardships. You can now give to Project Share online with your credit or debit card (\$10 minimum donation). For more ways to donate and to learn about Project Share, visit seattle.gov/city-light/donate.

SUPPORT CLEAN ENERGY WITH GREEN UP

Green Up is a voluntary renewable energy program that allows you to support Pacific Northwest wind, solar and other renewable energy projects. You also help us fund rooftop solar projects hosted by not-for-profits like schools, parks and affordable housing organizations.

Learn more at seattle.gov/city-light/GULR.



AT WORK in your neighborhood

City Light crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service:

Arroyo/South Arbor Heights: installing new underground cables and streetlights to replace aging infrastructure

Brace Point: installing underground conduits, vaults and streetlights to improve the underground electrical system

Capitol Hill: installing a microgrid system at Miller Community Center

Service Area: replacing aging utility poles throughout the service area to enhance safety and reliability

South Lake Union: installing an underground duct bank and vault on Thomas Street

For a detailed list of City Light construction projects, please visit seattle.gov/city-light/current-projects.



SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD

Before you start your yard work this summer, call before you dig. Dial 8-1-1 to have a crew locate underground utilities. Learn more at call811.com.



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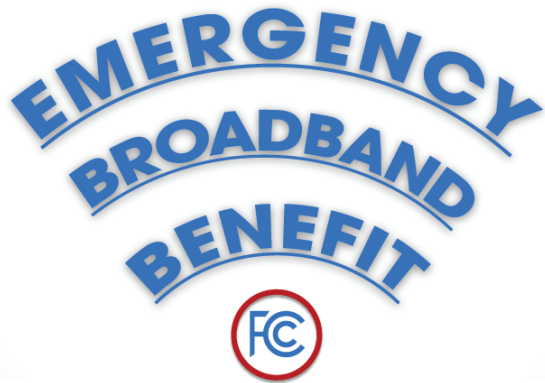
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The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

To see if you qualify and to apply, call: 833-511-0311 or visit:

[GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org).