

September/October 2023

LIGHT Reading

PLANT A TREE THIS FALL

Fall is a great time to plant trees when the rains begin in the Pacific Northwest. In fact, although National Arbor Day falls on the first Friday in April and is typically celebrated by planting trees, April is too close to our annual summer drought. Since it's not an ideal time to plant, the City of Seattle celebrates Arbor Day in October because this is the best time of year to plant trees in our region.

When looking for a place to plant a tree, look up, down and around. That cute little evergreen may grow to 80 feet tall. That said, if you have the space for a big tree, they have many benefits in the long run, such as increased stormwater uptake and shade to help cool your home.

What's more, in our temperate region, strategically sited deciduous trees (trees that lose their leaves in the winter) may help improve your home's energy efficiency. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, trees can maximize shade during the summer and maximize sun coverage in the winter.

So, plant a tree on your own this fall! Just remember to pick the right tree for the right place — particularly if you're planting trees near power lines. Learn more about tree planting, tree trimming and recommended species at seattle.gov/trees.

PREPARE FOR STORM SEASON

As beautiful as fall is, it's also that time of the year when bright and sunny weather can change to dark and stormy in a flash. Inclement weather like windstorms and heavy snow can result in power outages in our area. To best prepare for storm season, remember to:

- Assess your trees for branches that could fall in a windstorm.
- Have a kit ready that has enough food and water for at least a week.
- Keep portable generators outside so they can properly ventilate.
- Sign up for emergency notifications in your area at alert.seattle.gov and kingcounty.gov/ALERTKingCounty.
- Stay informed online at seattle.gov/city-light/outages.

For more tips and resources for how to prepare and keep your family comfortable, informed, and, most importantly, safe this season, learn more at powerlines.seattle.gov/stormprep.



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SKAGIT TOURS

While summer may be over, fall is still a great time to explore the beauty of the North Cascades. Skagit Tours have connected visitors to the natural and cultural history of the Pacific Northwest and our clean hydro resources for nearly 100 years. Just a scenic, three-hour drive away from Seattle, travel aboard the Alice Ross IV, a glass roof boat that provides the best views of the glacier-fed waters of Diablo Lake. As you cruise the lake, learn about the surrounding ecosystem, enjoy spectacular sights, and hear stories about the development of the local dams and powerhouses. We continue to offer Diablo Lake Fall Morning Cruises until October 1. Start planning your North Cascades adventure today at skagittours.com or call (360) 854-2589.

SUPPORT CLEAN ENERGY WITH GREEN UP FOR AS LITTLE AS \$1 A MONTH

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.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

We continue to receive a high volume of reports of scammers calling customers demanding payment. We've also received reports of scammers requiring payment through third-party payment applications. If someone contacts you demanding immediate payment rather than working with you to establish a payment plan, that person is a scammer. Hang up on them right away and call (206) 684-3000 to verify your account status.



AT WORK in your neighborhood

Seattle City Light crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service. The following projects continue across our service area:

- Updating electrical infrastructure for streetlights.
- Installing public Level 2 electric vehicle chargers at curbside locations.
- Replacing aging utility poles to enhance safety and reliability.

We are also replacing underground infrastructure for historic three-globe streetlights in Pioneer Square. Learn more about projects in your area by visiting seattle.gov/city-light/current-projects

SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD



Fall storms can lead to downed power lines. If you see a power line on the ground, assume it is electrified. Stay at least 30 feet away and call 911. For more safety tips, visit seattle.gov/city-light/outage-safety.



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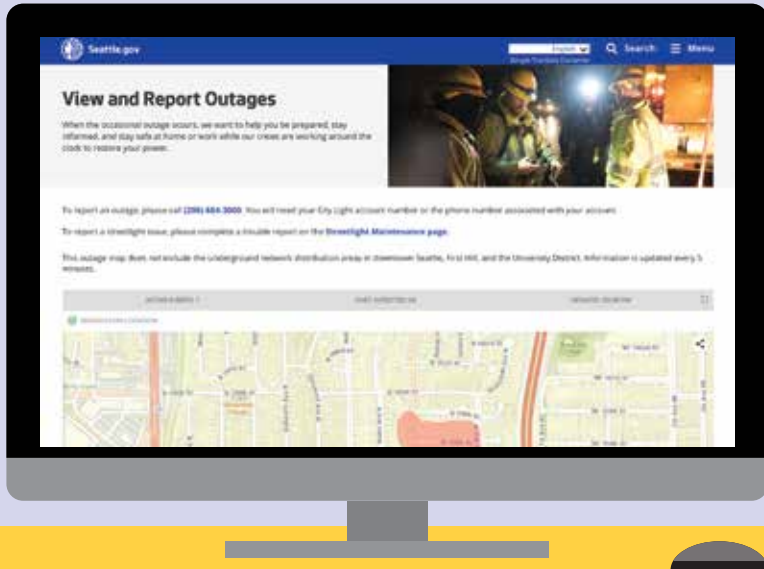
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