No-Cost Energy Saving Tips

There are many no-cost options to lower your energy use and reduce your energy bill. Here are a few ideas to give you a jump start on saving energy now.

**TIPS:**

- Lower your thermostat when you go to bed or when you’re not home. Use a programmable thermostat, so it’s automatic. Every degree lowered can decrease the heating portion of your energy bill by 2 percent.
- Make it a habit to shut off lights, computers and other devices when you’re not using them. Consider plugging electronic devices into an energy smart strip.
- Close your fireplace damper when there’s no fire. Leaving it open is like having a 48-inch-square hole in your house.
- Set your water heater at 120º F., which is comfortable for most uses. Turn your water heater temperature down or set to vacation mode if you’re going to be away from your home for more than a week.
- Run only full loads in your dishwasher and clothes washers, and wash clothes in cold water.
- Air-dry your dishes or use the air-dry feature on your dishwasher. Use a clothesline to dry clothes when weather permits.
- Use kitchen and bathroom fans to reduce moisture in the home as needed.
- In the winter, open south facing drapes and blinds during the day to let heat in and close all window drapes and blinds at night.
- Set your refrigerator between 36 - 39º F.
- Clean lint out of refrigerator coils and out of clothes dryers frequently to increase efficiency.
- Use a microwave or toaster oven for cooking and heating small portions.

For more energy saving tips, please visit https://www.cowlitzpud.org/energy-saving-tips

OUTAGE?
WE HAVE A MAP FOR THAT!

Check out our live outage map to find real time updates in the event of an outage. This interactive map provides outage cause, status of crews and estimated restoration time.
Visit: https://www.cowlitzpud.org/outages
CHANGES TO RESIDENTIAL REBATES

The following residential rebate changes went into effect on October 1st. To find out more about Cowlitz PUD’s residential rebate program, please give our Energy Efficiency Department a call at 360.423.2210

- Insulation rebates for non-low income customers will increase to $1.00/sf - attic/wall/floor
- Appliance rebates remain at current levels
  - Heat pump water heaters to remain at $500 (only 1 rebate per household after 10.1.2019)
- Ductless heat pump rebates will compress to $800 per household (regardless of existing heat type or number of indoor heads installed)

BUDGET PAY PROGRAM
SAME PAYMENT • EVERY MONTH

-OFFICE CLOSURE-
Cowlitz PUD’s Office will be closed
Veteran’s Day November 11
Thanksgiving November 28 and 29

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