



Light reading

Conservation News

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TRY YOUR HAND AT OUR PUZZLE

Test your knowledge with our third annual Go Green, Get Green crossword puzzle contest and be entered to win a Kindle Fire. For help with answers and rules, go to seattle.gov/wepower. Email answers to: ConservationHERO@seattle.gov, or mail them to Seattle City Light, ATTN: MARCOM, PO Box 34023, Seattle, WA 98124.

ACROSS

1. Acoustic music or what your chargers should be after your devices are fully charged.
3. Takes a "load" off with a \$100 or a \$50 rebate.
4. Lasts up to 20 years.
5. Income-eligible customers can reduce their bill by ___ percent.

6. Seattle City Light program saving energy and money since 1977.
7. Keeps your food cold, but if it's old, it's costing you up to \$150 a year.

DOWN

2. Efficient heating and cooling system for your home, \$1,200 rebate.

Conservation

Sixty Unplugged

Washing Machine

Ductless Heat Pump

Refrigerator

LED

CONSERVATION HERO

"When shopping for new light bulbs, look for the Seattle City Light logo or the ENERGY STAR ® logo to ensure you're purchasing a bulb that meets quality standards for light quality and energy efficiency. Also check to see how long lasting the bulb is and if it's dimmable. ENERGY STAR-certified LED bulbs must have a three-year warranty. For more information about lighting, visit seattle.gov/lightbulb."

-Andrew Gibb
Conservation program manager

Have a question about conservation or our renewable programs? Call a Seattle City Light Energy Advisor at (206) 684-3800 or email: SCLEnergyAdvisor@seattle.gov.

CHECK OUT INSERT

Be sure to check inside this mailing for an insert of

City Light's Utility Discount Program, which offers income-qualified customers a 60 percent discount on electrical service and 50 percent for water, sewer and garbage. Learn more at seattle.gov/light/assistance.



NEW METERS SAVE ENERGY & MONEY

City Light prepares for the installation of advanced electric-meters across our service territory starting in 2017. This project will modernize the technology we use and improve service to customers by offering:

- near real-time account-balance information;
- better billing procedures;
- faster response to power outages;
- more control to customers on their energy use.

Learn more at seattle.gov/light/ami.

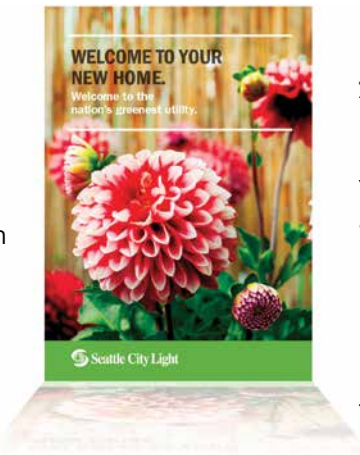
RATE ADJUSTMENT

As approved by the Seattle City Council in the utility's Strategic Plan, customer rates increase by 4.9 percent in 2016. The plan keeps City Light on track to offer the best service possible to customers. This rate change adds about \$3.15 a month to the typical residential-customer bill.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

City Light debuts a new publication just for new customers, "Welcome to your new home." The booklet is sent to customers when they sign up for City Light service. Look for it if you're new to the utility, and you can also access it online:

bit.ly/1Lp7UqD.



IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: CITY LIGHT @ WORK



Crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service:

- Holly Park: upgrading street lights;
- Seattle, King County, Burien (various locations): replacing utility poles;
- Elliott Bay: restoring underground services in support of seawall project;
- Central District: installing new transformer at E. Pine Street substation;
- South Lake Union/Denny Triangle: installing underground vaults and conduits for the new Denny Substation;
- Blue Ridge: installing underground conduits and vaults for electric-cable upgrade project;

This is a partial list. For details go to seattle.gov/light/atwork and click on an orange cone.



SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD

"During a power outage, some people use portable generators. If you do, remember: Never use them indoors, and that includes inside a garage. And protect yourself by installing carbon-monoxide detectors."

-Ed Hill, City Light energy delivery supervisor

WHEN THE SNOW FALLS & THE RIVERS RISE

City Light is a proud partner of Take Winter By Storm, which offers practical information on how to make it through emergencies including bad weather. The website offers school-closure updates, traffic and road conditions plus much more. Check it out at takewinterbystorm.org.



ELECTRICITY: A POWERFUL GIFT

Your tax-deductible gift to Project Share supports people in need. There are two easy ways to contribute:

- Online (seattle.gov/light/ProjectShare). Specify an amount to be added to your regular electric bills, or make a one-time donation.
- Check, payable to Project Share and include it your City Light payment or mail it to: City of Seattle, Treasury Services, P.O. Box 34017, Seattle WA 98124-1017

Thank you!

SCAM ALERT

SPOT IT, REPORT IT, STOP IT

When temperatures drop, heating bills rise. Scammers take full advantage of the situation by targeting utility customers, threatening to shutoff power unless payment is made to a fraudulent source. Learn more about how you can protect yourself, your family and friends. seattle.gov/light/EndScams.

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