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LIGHT Reading

PREPARE FOR STORM SEASON

Fall is a beautiful time of year, but it's also a time when bright and sunny weather can change to dark and stormy in a flash. Inclement weather like windstorms and heavy rain often brings power outages in our area. Here's how to get ready for storm season before it arrives:

- Assess your trees for branches that could fall in a windstorm.
- Have an emergency kit ready with enough food and water for at least a week. ready.gov/kit
- Give portable generators a quick tune-up and remember to keep them 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 stay safe and informed this storm season, visit seattle.gov/city-light/outage-safety.



PLANT A TREE THIS FALL

When planting a tree, remember to look up, down, and around. With proper planning and planting, the tree you plant today can thrive for decades and provide lasting benefits.

Trees offer many advantages. They absorb stormwater, provide shade in hot months, and their leaves help clean the air. Even better, trees can save you money by improving your home's energy efficiency. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, deciduous trees provide shade in the summer and allow sunlight to warm your home in the winter.

Make sure to select the right tree for the right place, especially near power lines. This helps ensure safety, reduces future costs, and maximizes environmental benefits. For tips on tree planting, recommended species, and site considerations, visit seattle.gov/trees/planting-and-care.

Do you need help getting started? Contact a registered tree service provider: seattle.gov/trees/service-providers. Many offer free consultations and estimates to help you make informed decisions.



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ENROLL IN THE UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM

We invite all income-eligible residents to join the Utility Discount Program. By enrolling, you can get a 60% discount on your City Light electricity bills. If you also receive water, sewer, or solid waste services from Seattle Public Utilities, you'll get a 50% discount on those bills too. Even if your landlord pays the utility bills, you may still qualify. To see if you're eligible, visit seattle.gov/UDP.

TIME OF USE

A new way to manage your energy bill is here. Our Time of Use (TOU) rate is rolling out this fall. With TOU pricing, the amount you pay depends on when you use electricity, not just how much you use. A TOU rate can give you more control over your electricity costs while supporting a more reliable and cleaner energy system. Visit seattle.gov/city-light/residential-rates to learn more and see if TOU is right for you.



STAY SCAM SMART

City Light will never ask for immediate payment — that's not how we operate. If you think someone is trying to scam you, call (206) 684-3000 to check your account. Worried someone you know could be at risk of a scam? You can help them stay protected. Encourage them to check their bill, update their passwords, and stay informed. Learn more about how to spot and avoid scams at seattle.gov/city-light/start-or-stop-service/scams.

JOIN GREEN UP

Are you interested in supporting clean and renewable energy? Join the Green Up Program! You can help fund wind, solar, and other renewable energy projects. You can join for as little as \$1 each month. Learn more at seattle.gov/city-light/GULR.



AT WORK

in your neighborhood

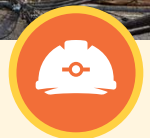
Seattle City Light crews are always working to provide reliable service. The following projects continue across our service area:

- Updating electrical infrastructure for streetlights and floodlights.
- Replacing aging utility poles to enhance safety and reliability.

Learn more about projects in your area: 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/outages/outage-safety.