

Light Reading



Seattle City Light



Plan Your Visit to Skagit Tours

Join Skagit Tours this summer and explore the stunning North Cascades! These tours have been sharing the beauty of the Pacific Northwest for nearly 100 years. But don't just take our word for it – here's what visitors have said:

"Energetic, fun, informative guides brought it all to life!"

"I would give you guys 100 stars if I could. This was just so much more than I hoped for. It was also my parents' first national park, and I couldn't ask for a better experience."

"This was an exceptionally fun, very thoughtful, and informative experience."

About the tours

Skagit Tours offers morning and afternoon boat tours on Diablo Lake aboard the Alice Ross IV. During the tour, you'll learn about the local ecosystem, enjoy breathtaking scenery, and hear the story of the nearby dams and powerhouses. These tours highlight City Light's commitment to providing renewable energy and protecting cultural and natural resources.

Why visit?

Whether you're a first-time visitor or returning after a few years, Skagit Tours offers a one-of-a-kind experience. The tour season runs from July through September, so don't miss out! Plan your North Cascades adventure today at [skagittours.com](https://www.skagittours.com) or call (360) 854-2589.

Start planning your visit today!



RSA Surcharge Removed on April 1, 2026

We removed the 4% Rate Stabilization Account (RSA) surcharge from customer electricity bills on April 1, 2026. The RSA, City Light's reserve account, was significantly depleted in 2022 and 2023, and the surcharge had been in effect since January 1, 2024.

City Light Leadership Updates

On April 9, City Light welcomed Rob Santoff as Interim General Manager & CEO. Rob joined City Light in 2020 and brings more than 30 years of experience in the electric utility industry. At City Light, Rob has held the positions of Director of the Network, Substations and Technical Support Division, Director of the Transmission & Distribution Field Operations Division, and Chief Operating Officer.

Dennis McLerran, initially appointed by Mayor Wilson as Acting General Manager & CEO, has stepped into the role of Deputy General Manager, bringing extensive environmental, and intergovernmental expertise to our leadership team.

This fall, the Mayor's Office will launch a collaborative national search for a permanent General Manager & CEO, focused on a spring 2027 confirmation. Throughout this transition, we remain committed to providing you with reliable service.

Why Do We Prune Trees Away From Power Lines?

To help keep costs low and reduce power outages, we maintain trees away from power lines. Our Power Line Clearance team follows "Utility Pruning of Trees, Best Management Practices," published by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). An ISA certified arborist leads each crew to safely remove branches following these best practices. Do you have tree pruning questions? Contact our team at SCLVegetation@seattle.gov or call (206) 684-3000.



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

Mylar balloons are metallic. When one touches a power line or electrical equipment, it can cause a surge of electricity. This may lead to power outages or even a fire. If you're celebrating with mylar balloons, always keep them securely tied down and dispose of them properly after use.

Learn more about staying safe at powerlines.seattle.gov/mylarballoons