

Light Reading



Seattle City Light



Stay Safe & Save Energy During Hot Weather

Summer heat can be dangerous, but with simple steps, you can stay safe and comfortable. Try these tips to help you prepare for current and future heat waves without using a lot of electricity this summer.

IF IT'S HOT TOMORROW

- 1. Limit heat inside your home:** Avoid using ovens or stovetops. Instead, try meals that don't need cooking or use a microwave.
- 2. Keep cool:** Drink cold water or other hydrating drinks. Wipe your face, neck, and wrists with a wet cloth, or take a cold shower to quickly lower your body temperature. Watch for symptoms of heatstroke, like dizziness or nausea, and act fast if you notice them.
- 3. Use fans wisely:** Fans help your body cool down by moving air across your skin. Use them only when you're in the room, as fan motors can produce heat.
- 4. Close windows during the day:** Before it gets hot outside, shut windows and blinds, especially on sunny sides of your home, to trap cool air indoors.
- 5. Cool your home at night:** Open windows at night when the air is cooler. Use a fan to pull cool air in and push hot air out.

PREPARE FOR FUTURE HOT WEATHER

If you have time before the next heat wave, try these steps to get ready.

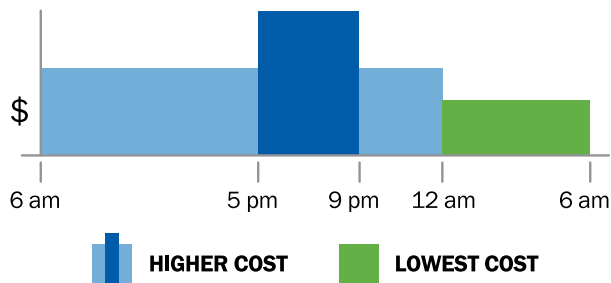
- 1. Seal air leaks:** Hot air gets in through cracks around windows or doors. Seal these gaps with caulk and weatherstripping to keep your home cooler.
- 2. Make extra ice:** Stock up on ice for drinks or cooling cloths. Store ice in bags or containers in your freezer.
- 3. Add shade to your home:** Hang light-colored cloths or bamboo shades on outside windows that get direct sun. Keep the heat out before it enters your home.



For more safe, energy-saving tips, visit seattle.gov/city-light/energy-tips.

Our Time of Use Rate is Available

Our Residential Time of Use (TOU) rate is now available to you. This optional rate gives you more choice in how you manage your bill while also helping reduce strain on our energy system. With TOU, when you use electricity affects what you pay. Costs are higher during peak demand hours and lower during mid- and off-peak times. Along with this new rate, we've launched Energy Insights, an online tool that helps you understand and better manage your energy use. Energy Insights lets you compare the TOU rate with your current rate, enroll in TOU if you choose, track how your energy use changes throughout the week, and explore ways to shift energy use to potentially save on your bill. If you are interested in learning more about the new TOU rate, you can read about it on our blog.



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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

Prepare for summer heat by making extra ice, unplugging electrical appliances when not in use, and staying hydrated.



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