



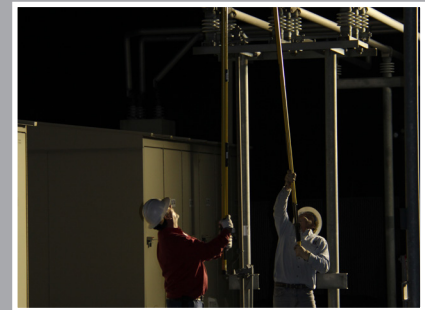
summer tips

Save Energy and Reduce Heat Loads

- Use ceiling or portable fans to stay cool. Circulating air removes heat from the skin making you feel cooler.
- Set the thermostat to 78°F when you are home and higher when you are not.
- Turn off lights, electronics, and appliances when not in use.
- Reduce energy use all year long by properly insulating your home.
- Install awnings or blinds to shade windows. Close blinds or window coverings during the day.
- Plant shade trees to keep your home cooler naturally. Deciduous trees reduce the heat around the home and cool air through transpiration.

Use Appliances and Electricity Wisely

- Avoid using heat generating items during the day. Washing and drying clothes, ironing, showering, cooking, and dish washing add heat and humidity to the air making your AC work harder.
- When using the stove, keep pans on the correct burner size and covered to avoid escaping heat and humidity.
- Use a microwave, toaster oven, or the outdoor barbecue grill as a “cooler” cooking option.
- Run your dishwasher only for full loads.
- Dry laundry on a clothesline outside. When you use the clothes dryer, use the moisture sensor setting to avoid over-drying clothes.
- Use LEDs and CFLs, which produce less heat, use less energy, and last longer than incandescent bulbs.



Check Out Our Low-Interest Loan and Rebate Programs

Make your home more comfortable with a new high efficiency heat pump, ductless heat pump, duct sealing, insulation, or windows. Learn more about low-interest loans and rebates available by visiting ci.richland.wa.us/EnergyServices or calling 942-7431.

Help Reduce the City's Peak Power Demand from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Avoid using electrical appliances during this time. This will help the City save on its wholesale power bill and keep electric rates low for everyone.

Get Your Air Conditioner Ready

- Service your air conditioner or heat pump on a regular basis.
- Clean or change filters monthly or as recommended by the heat pump or air conditioner manufacturer.
- Remove leaves and other debris that may be obstructing the outdoor unit.
- Clean and check the air vents and remove obstructions.
- Install an attic fan to circulate air and keep you cooler.