



## Conservation News

November/December 2016

### WHAT'S FUN, BRIGHT & GREEN ALL OVER?

It's the holiday season, and we all look forward to seeing the bright lights of Seattle's annual traditions. Here are some ways to enjoy a winter that's both festive and energy efficient:

#### WinterFest at Seattle Center

WinterFest uses automatic controls for their decorative LED lighting, saving enough energy to power 14 Seattle homes for an entire year. Follow their lead and control your energy savings by using an advanced power-strip to completely turn off your electronics when they're not in use. Electronics account for 12 percent of your bill.

#### WildLights at Woodland Park Zoo

The Woodland Park Zoo's holiday lights save energy by using more than 600,000 LEDs. Do the same by making the switch to LED holiday string-lighting. They're energy efficient, long-lasting and safe. For more information, visit [seattle.gov/lightbulbs](http://seattle.gov/lightbulbs).



### KEEP THE HEAT

Not everyone can install a new, more efficient heating system, but here are ways anyone can keep comfort high and payment low.

### RENTER'S CORNER

- Use heating efficiently. If you have baseboard or wall heaters, only heat the room you're in. Ensure good airflow between heater and furnishings for safety and efficiency.
- Warm your bed. An electric mattress pad or blanket saves more money than heating your entire bedroom. Flannel sheets help, too.
- Layer. Dress in warm layers rather than turning up your thermostat.

### HOLIDAY MEALS

Cooking methods that use less electricity, like Crock-Pots, keep meals tasty and energy efficient. Check out [seattle.gov/light/recipe](http://seattle.gov/light/recipe) for recipes that require less energy.

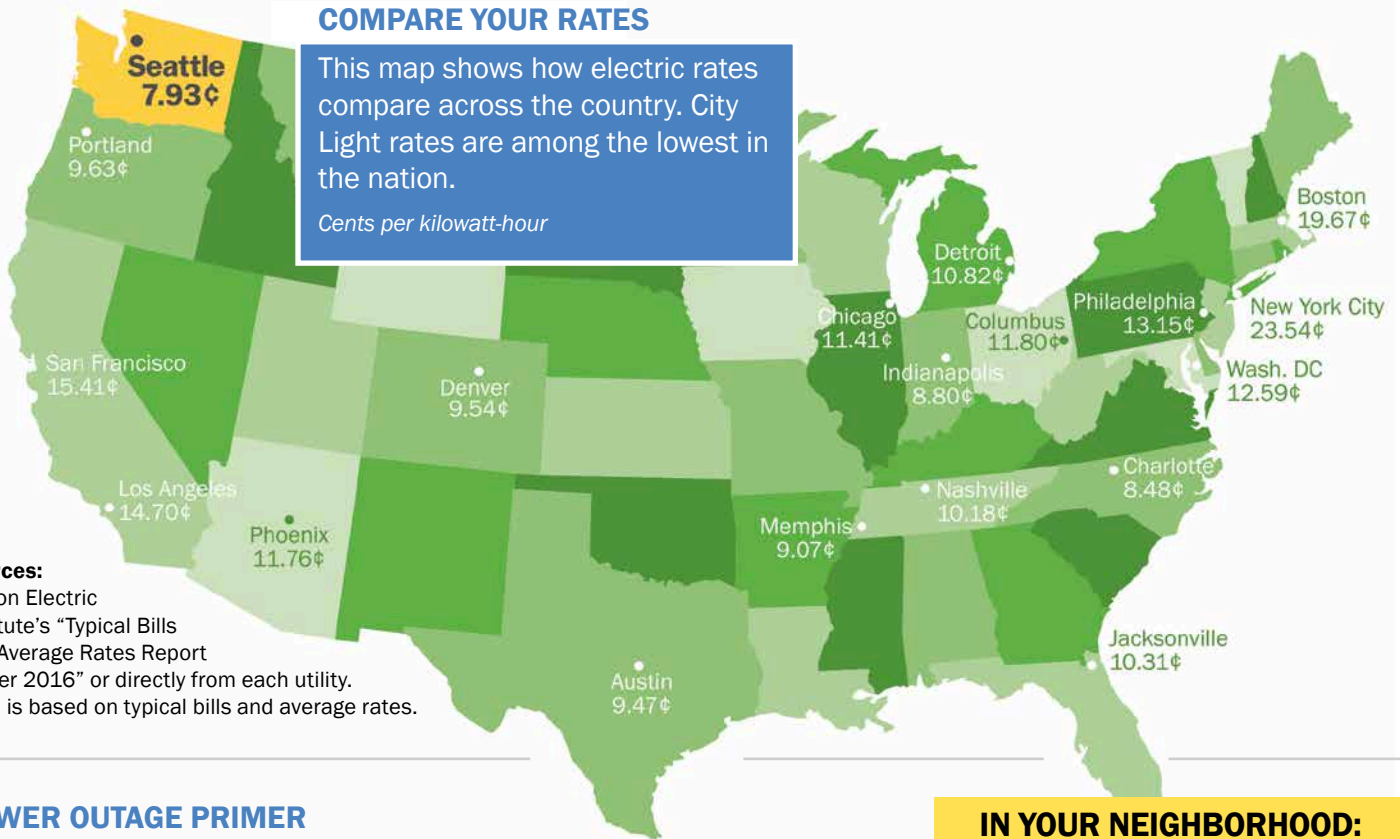
### RENEW IN THE NEW YEAR

Support renewable energy through City Light's Green Up program. Add \$3, \$6, or \$12 per month to your bill to purchase renewable energy credits and to help fund local education initiatives as well as grants for solar demonstration projects. Visit [seattle.gov/greenup](http://seattle.gov/greenup) to sign up.

## COMPARE YOUR RATES

This map shows how electric rates compare across the country. City Light rates are among the lowest in the nation.

Cents per kilowatt-hour



### Sources:

Edison Electric Institute's "Typical Bills and Average Rates Report Winter 2016" or directly from each utility. Data is based on typical bills and average rates.

## POWER OUTAGE PRIMER

City Light works hard to provide reliable power, but occasionally you may lose your electricity in an outage. Here are some ideas to help manage a power loss: Check our outage map for updates: [seattle.gov/light/sysstat](http://seattle.gov/light/sysstat) and follow us on Twitter: [twitter.com/SEACityLight](https://twitter.com/SEACityLight). [TakeWinterByStorm.org](http://TakeWinterByStorm.org) has information on how to prepare for outages and emergencies.

## DISCOUNTS ON UTILITY BILLS

Income-qualified customers can sign up for a 60 percent discount on electrical service and 50 percent for water, sewer and garbage. Get all the details at [seattle.gov/light/assistance](http://seattle.gov/light/assistance).

## CARE FOR OTHERS

Donate to Project Share and give the precious gift of electricity. Call (206) 684-3000 or use our online form at [seattle.gov/light/ProjectShare](http://seattle.gov/light/ProjectShare).



## SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD

*"If you use a generator, never use it indoors, including your garage, carport, basement or any other enclosed area. Always place it outside in a dry, well-ventilated area. Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home."*

-Christopher Posten, City Light material supplier

## IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: CITY LIGHT @ WORK



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

- South Lake Union/Denny Triangle: installing underground vaults and duct banks related to the new Denny substation;
- Downtown/First Hill: installing underground conduits to provide new electrical connections;
- Capitol Hill: installing underground vaults and duct banks near Summit Slope Park;
- Laurelhurst (north of Webster Point): upgrading electrical system by replacing transformers and distribution cable;
- Shoreline substation (Parkwood/Meridian Park): transformer replacement to maintain reliability.

This is a partial list. For details go to [seattle.gov/light/atwork](http://seattle.gov/light/atwork) and click on an orange cone.

