

# Currents

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## HEAT PUMPS OFFER EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING



Portable air conditioners make hot weather more bearable, but they're bulky and can only cool one space at a time. A heat pump or ductless heat pump is a better solution to year-round comfort and energy savings.

Whether ductless or central, heat pump systems offer both cooling and heating on command. They're among the most efficient climate control systems available today.

Clark Public Utilities customers typically save up to 30 percent on their electric heating costs when switching from zonal electric heaters to a ductless heat pump. In addition, they warm a home faster than electric resistance wall heaters.

Heat pumps can replace or complement an electric furnace or other forced air system. Ductless heat pumps are ideal alternatives to zonal heaters like baseboard or wall heaters. Some models can have both ductless and ducted fan units as part of the same system to meet a homeowner's unique needs.

Clark Public Utilities offers rebates to qualifying customers to lower the initial investment in a heat pump system. For more information, visit [ClarkPublicUtilities.com/rebates](http://ClarkPublicUtilities.com/rebates) or call 360-992-3000.



Scan here to learn about the utility's heat pump program.

## LIGHT LINES

### SAFEGUARD IS A SAFEGUARD FOR THE COMMUNITY

SafeWatch is a visible safety resource for the public when help is needed. Our utility fleet, C-TRAN buses and other public service and emergency vehicles all participate in SafeWatch and can help assist in an emergency.

Need help? Look for the SafeWatch sticker and wave your arms overhead to flag down a participating vehicle. Once stopped, the driver of a SafeWatch vehicle can radio or call for assistance and many are trained in CPR and first aid.



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## KEEP LAWNS AND GARDENS GREEN WITHOUT OVERWATERING

**Time it right.** Water your lawn, garden or landscaping in the cool morning hours. Hot afternoon temperatures increase the amount of water lost to evaporation. A garden hose can release up to 1,020 gallons per hour, so set an alarm or use an automatic timer on the sprinkler to shut it off.

**Grow it out a little.** Lawns with grass at least 3 inches tall have deeper, better shaded roots and retain more moisture than short lawns.

**Reduce wasted water.** Broken or leaking irrigation systems are a drain on the water supply and the household budget. It's estimated that a leaky system can waste 25,000 gallons of water annually. Concrete doesn't grow, so avoid watering the street or driveway.

**Don't overdo it.** In summer, lawns only need between 1 and 1.5 inches of water applied one to three days per week. Most automatic systems can produce that amount in an hour.

**Application matters.** Soaker hoses, high efficiency sprinklers and drip irrigation systems get water to the roots where it's needed and reduce runoff, overspray and evaporation. To water efficiently, purchase sprinklers and irrigation products with the WaterSense logo. Replacing a clock-based irrigation controller with a WaterSense controller can save an average home up to 15,000 gallons of water annually.



## GREEN LIGHTS HELPS GREEN ENERGY GROW IN THE NORTHWEST

Green Lights is a voluntary Clark Public Utilities program that provides an opportunity for customers to offset carbon impacts of energy use and support regional renewable energy development through the purchase of renewable energy credits. Customers can participate at any level and choose to start or stop at any time. Each Green Lights "block" is \$1 and represents a 100-kilowatt-hour carbon offset through regional renewable energy credits.

Green Lights is offered in partnership with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation and supports wind, solar and other forms of clean, renewable power in our region.



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## FUEL MIX

Hydro . . . . .	.45.69%
Natural Gas . . .	.34.29%
Nuclear . . . . .	5.85%
Wind. . . . .	4.15%
Unspecified* . .	10.02%

\* "Unspecified" is a mix of wholesale market purchases from unspecified generation sources.