



# LIGHT Reading

## Conservation News

January/February 2019

### CONSERVATION CROSSWORD

Try our sixth annual Go Green, Get Green Crossword puzzle and be entered to win a WeMo Switch, a device that uses your home WiFi to turn electronic devices on or off from anywhere. For rules and eligibility, go to [energysolutions.seattle.gov/crossword](http://energysolutions.seattle.gov/crossword). The contest ends March 20, 2019.

There are three different ways that you can submit your answers:

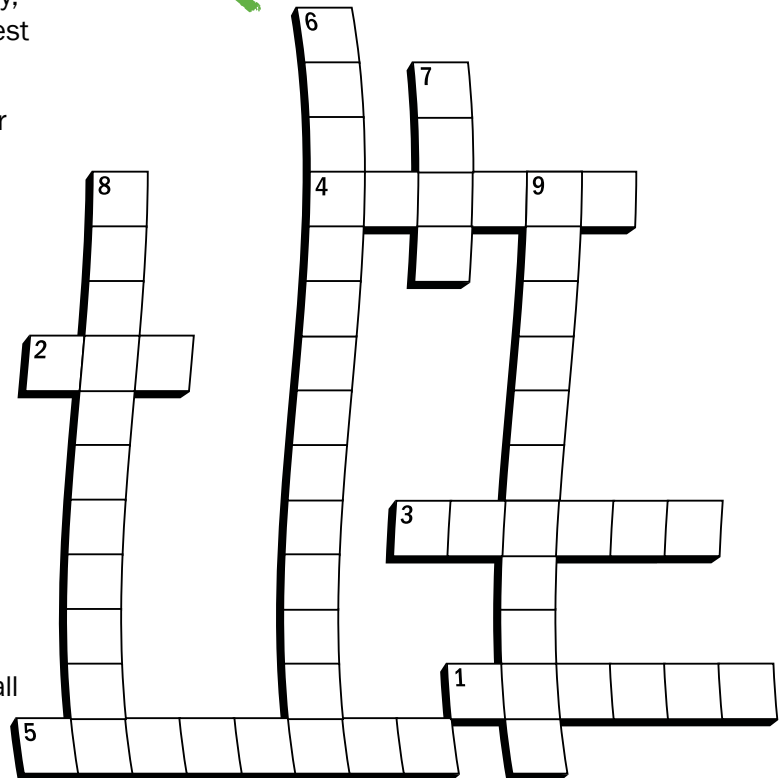
1. Online: [energysolutions.seattle.gov/crossword](http://energysolutions.seattle.gov/crossword)
2. Email: [scl\\_marketing@seattle.gov](mailto:scl_marketing@seattle.gov)
3. Mail: Seattle City Light, ATTN: Crossword, PO Box, 34023, Seattle, WA 98124

#### ACROSS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ unused electronics and save as much as \$76 a year
2. \_\_\_\_\_ bulbs are up to 80% more efficient than Incandescent bulbs
3. A Seattle home rarely gets colder than 55 degrees overnight, even in the dead of \_\_\_\_\_; or a type of wonderland
4. Don't use a portable \_\_\_\_\_ near curtains, drapes, clothes, or cords; or a Randy Johnson fastball
5. City Light is the Nation's \_\_\_\_\_ Utility

#### Down

6. Save \$124 a year by running full loads and using cold water in your \_\_\_\_\_
7. Shorten showers by three minutes for a family of four and save up to \$80 a \_\_\_\_\_
8. If your \_\_\_\_\_ is ten years old, it might may be time to retire it
9. City Light cares about the \_\_\_\_\_



**Unplug**      **Heater**  
**Washing Machine**      **Greenest**  
**Year**      **LED**  
**Water Heater**      **Winter**  
**Environment**



**Seattle City Light**

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## THANK YOU FOR TAKING OUR SURVEY!

Thank you to those who participated in our recent Light Reading survey. Your responses will help us shape the stories and tips we will add to future issues. We have notified the recipients of the City Light thank you packs!

## LET'S GET COOKING!

Our 2018 Cookin' with Kilowatts Cookbook goes beyond utilizing the traditional oven and stove. From chili in an Instant Pot to cake in a rice cooker, these creative, energy-efficient and delicious recipes will keep your energy costs low.

Read the 2018 Cookin' with Kilowatts Cookbook at [energysolutions.seattle.gov/cookbook!](http://energysolutions.seattle.gov/cookbook)



## PROJECT SHARE

City Light's Project Share is a customer-supported program that gives one-time emergency assistance grants to those in need. If you choose to donate to Project Share, your contribution could keep the lights on for your most vulnerable neighbors.

Want to help? Donate to Project Share online at [seattle.gov/light/ProjectShare/shareform.asp](http://seattle.gov/light/ProjectShare/shareform.asp). You can also send in a check payable to Project Share at this address:

City of Seattle Treasury Services  
P.O. Box 34017  
Seattle, WA 98124-101.

On behalf of City Light and Project Share recipients, thank you.

## SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD

*"If you find yourself near a downed power line, don't walk or run... SHUFFLE! Keep your feet together and move at least 20 feet away. If a downed power line falls on your car, stay inside and call 911. Remember, never touch or approach a downed wire or anything in contact with the wire."*



-Ed Hill,  
City Light Energy Delivery Supervisor

## RENTER'S CORNER

## WATCH FOR PHANTOM POWER!

While electronics around your home can account for up to 15% of your household electricity usage, items with a standby setting can slowly use more energy than you may realize. This extra energy usage is called "Phantom Power." Here are a few tips to protect your energy bill from additional power users:

- Unplug any cell phone chargers or power adapters when not in use;
- Use a power strip as a central turn off point when you are done using equipment;
- Use a power strip for your computer and other equipment. This allows you to completely disconnect the power supply from the power source and eliminate standby power consumption.

For more money and energy-saving tips, visit [seattle.gov/light/renterscorner](http://seattle.gov/light/renterscorner).



## Seattle City Light crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service:

- Arroyo/South Arbor Heights: installing underground conduits, vaults and streetlights to replace aging infrastructure;
- South Lake Union: installing vaults and conduits to connect customers with Denny Substation underground infrastructure;
- Pioneer Square: increasing electrical reliability and supporting alley restoration by replacing old, damaged underground conduits.

This is a partial list. For details go to [seattle.gov/light/atwork](http://seattle.gov/light/atwork) to access our map and learn about individual projects.



# New rates. **Still affordable.**

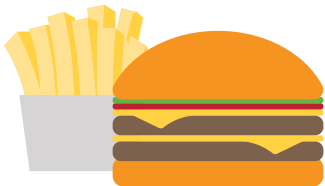


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With City Light's new rate path, the typical bill for a residential customer will increase \$3.77 a month in 2019. Here's what else you can get for \$3.77.\*



**A 16 oz. latté.**



**A deluxe cheeseburger and fries.**



**Round-trip bus fare.**



**A rain poncho.**

\*Actually, all of these things cost more than \$3.77. Even with a rate increase, City Light is still one of the most affordable electric utilities in a major metropolitan area. Splurge on the poncho.

# Conserve energy. **Save money.**



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- Replace incandescent bulbs with LEDs and turn off the lights when you leave a room; save about \$6.25 a month.
- Unplug electronics like DVRs, stereos and coffee makers when not in use; save \$6.33 a month.
- Use the microwave, crock pot or toaster oven instead of a full-size electric oven; save \$5.83 a month.

“We are fortunate to have clean energy and some of the most affordable rates in the nation. It’s my job to keep it that way.”

–*City Light General Manager and CEO, Debra Smith*



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Find energy-saving tips at:  
[energysolutions.seattle.gov/IAAU](http://energysolutions.seattle.gov/IAAU)