





NEWS

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Winter Energy Conservation Tips

Winter is the time Liberty Utilities customers consume the most energy. That can mean higher bills, but you can take some simple, no-cost steps to reduce use AND save 10-25% on your bill.

- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees when home, and then back to 55-68 degrees when unoccupied.
- Open window coverings on the sunny side of your home to take advantage of free heat from the sun.
- Close foundation vents.
- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use, including your computer.
- Vacuum your refrigerator coils, underneath and in the back.

For more tips and to sign up for a free energy audit, visit our website.

Important Reminder: Please keep your meter clear from snow so it can be read.

Top 10 Holiday Lighting Tips

- Switch to safe, long-lasting, energyefficient LED holiday lights.
- Use a timer to reliably turn lights on and off.
- Don't overload your electric circuits.
- Stay within limits of your circuit breaker.
- Adhere to manufacturer's designations and locations for indoor vs. outdoor use.
- Don't run extension cords under rugs, around furniture legs, or across doorways.
- Avoid stringing more than three sets of lights together and plugging into single outlet.
- Make sure there's a bulb in each socket of a light string even if it's burned out.
- Keep your natural trees well-watered to prevent bulbs from igniting dry branches.
- Never use electrical decorations on metal trees.



Reliability Improvements Completed

Just in time for the winter weather, Liberty Utilities completed improvements to one of our oldest power lines in mid-October of this year.



Known as the 650 Line Upgrade Project, this effort consisted mainly of replacing old wooden poles with those constructed of a brownish steel material that weathers with time to resemble wood as well as replacing wire to eventually operate at a higher voltage. The power line generally follows Hwy 267 from Truckee to Kings Beach.

While no utility can entirely eliminate outages that may result from unforeseen events such as pole damage and natural disasters, these improvements will increase reliability to our North Shore customers especially during the high-demand winter season.



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!