

# Fall Into Smart Energy Habits

Autumn is the perfect time to make energy-smart choices to help prepare your home for winter and keep you warm and safe throughout the holiday season. From electrical safety tips to savings on energy bills and new appliances, we've got you covered for the season ahead.

#### 3 Steps for a Cozy Autumn



### Make Preparations in the Spooky Season

On warm October days, open your windows to let the refreshing breeze help cool your home, and make sure your heating system is ready for the change in seasons by getting it inspected and changing the filters.



## **Conserve Energy During the Thankful Season**

In November, keep your thermostat set to cool as long as possible, seal drafts around windows and doors, and open your curtains to use the natural light to your advantage.



#### Maximize Savings in the Holiday Season

In December, layer up with blankets and sweaters, lower your water heater to 120°F, and invest in energy-efficient holiday decorations.

## Seasonal Electrical Safety Tips

Whether it's hosting the extended family full of little ones, or showing off your holiday spirit with lights, inflatables, and other decor, practicing electrical safety will keep your fall holidays joyful and safe.



- Use outlet covers on all easy-to-reach outlets.
- If you're using a lot of appliances or decorations, run them to multiple outlets and breakers to prevent overloading them.
- Unplug unused appliances, and encourage guests to avoid touching plugged-in items.
- Only use outdoor cords and appliances marked as safe for outdoor use.
  - Bonus tip: mark where all cords are outside to prevent guests from tripping.

#### Save on Appliance Shopping

## Eyeing a new appliance for yourself this year?



Whether you've been planning to upgrade or are tempted by holiday deals, you can save even more on your new appliance with our Energy Save & Earn Rebates.

Available to customers who purchase qualifying Energy Star appliances, these rebates let us give back to the community while promoting energy efficiency.

View the list of eligible appliances and apply for your rebate on our website (or bookmark it for post-holiday shopping)!

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## Solar News: Net Metering Cap Increase

In case you missed the news, we recently

increased the maximum amount of customer solar energy that can be credited through our net metering program. This program lets customers generate a portion of their own energy using solar



panels and receive credit for excess power generated.

Read more about net metering



still interested in supporting solar energy can check out our Friendly City Solar program. Through this program, residential customers can have a portion of their energy costs covered by purchasing blocks of solar energy from our local Acorn Solar farm.

Customers without their own solar panels who are

Sign up for Friendly City Solar

# Mark Your Calendar

October 19 - Harrisonburg Skeleton Festival

November 10 - Harrisonburg Veterans Day Parade November 11 - Closed for Veterans Day

November 15 - National Recycling Day

November 28-29 - Closed for Thanksgiving December 24-25 - Closed for Christmas

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