



The Edge

Community Newsletter

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The Edge
Has New Hours of
Operation.
Tuesday – Thursday
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 – 4:00
Saturday 10:00 – 2:00
Special Thanks to PCNA

2nd Annual Art Walk At The Park



Photo by Ella Michiels

The Art Walk at the park took place at the beginning of September, and it was a success!

Many artists from Edgewood showed up to share their work with the community.

The art walk started an hour before noon, and many of the artists showed up an hour before, as the sun light was just beginning to force its way through the leaves to disperse the morning dew droplets from the blades of grass.

Weather held up wonderfully throughout the day, and as people started to show up, the hamburgers were ready to get grilled!

There were members of our community, as well as passer-through and visitors, who stopped in to see our local talent.

We would like to thank everybody who made this possible; the talented artists, the wonderful ladies at the concession stand, those who helped to set up and take down, and to the local musicians who entertained us in the afternoon.

And a special thanks to BC Hydro for sponsoring the event and making it possible.



October is Energy Awareness Month!

October's arrival means fall is under way. We have shorter days and longer nights to look forward to, as well as colder weather. But before you crank up the thermostat and turn on the lights try to keep in mind, as October is Energy Awareness Month, that this consumes more power! This doesn't mean you have to turn your house into a bat cave! Here are some tips to try and lower your energy consumption:

Home appliances

- Turn your refrigerator down. Refrigerators account for about 20% of Household electricity use. Use a thermometer to set your refrigerator temperature as close to 37 degrees and your freezer as close to 3 degrees as possible. Make sure that its energy saver switch is turned on.
- Set your clothes washer to the warm or cold water setting. not hot. Switching from hot to warm for two loads per week can save nearly 500 pounds of CO2 per year if you have an electric water heater, or 150 pounds for a gas heater.
- Make sure your dishwasher is full when you run it and use the energy saving setting, if available; to allow the dishes to air dry. You can also turn off the drying cycle manually. Not using heat in the drying cycle can save 20 percent of your dishwasher's total electricity use.
- Turn down your water heater thermostat. Thermostats are often set to 140 degrees F when 120 is usually fine. Each 10 degree reduction saves 600 pounds of CO2 / year for an electric water heater, or 440 pounds for a gas heater.

Home heating and cooling

- Be careful not to overheat or overcool rooms. In the winter, set your thermostat at 68 degrees in daytime, and 55 degrees at night. Lowering your thermostat just two degrees during winter saves 6 percent of heating-related CO2 emissions.
- Clean or replace air filters as recommended. Energy is lost when air conditioners and hot-air furnaces have to work harder to draw air through dirty filters.

Home heating and cooling

- Buy energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs for your most-used lights. Although they cost more initially, they save money in the long run by using only 1/4 the energy of an ordinary bulb and lasting 8-12 times longer. They are just as bright, too. Only 10% of the energy consumed by a normal light bulb generates light, the rest is heat.
- Wrap your water heater in an insulating jacket. which costs just \$10 to \$20. It can save 1100 lbs. of CO2 per year for an electric water heater, or 220 pounds for a gas heater.
- Use less hot water by installing low-flow shower heads. They cost just \$10 to \$20 each, deliver an invigorating shower, and save 300 pounds of CO2 per year for electrically heated water, or 80 pounds for gas-heated water

Try these ideas out to help save power during the cold season.

Thanks to: <http://www.ecomall.com/greeshopping/20things.htm>

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