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Newsletter

DUCTLESS & DUCTED HEAT PUMP REBATE PROGRAMS EXTENDED!

OCEC will continue to offer Ductless Heat Pump and Ducted Heat Pump rebate programs. These programs are available to all OCEC members who replace their existing electric zonal or electric forced air heating systems. Requirements include installation in an existing single-family home by a Comfort Ready Home certified contractor.

All members who have had ductless heat pumps, air source or variable speed ducted heat pumps installed by a Comfort Ready Home certified contractor in their existing homes **after January 1, 2022**, are now eligible.

Local certified contractors include Cascade Mechanical, Fisher Refrigeration, Holdens Air LLC, North Cascades Heating & Air Conditioning, and Otonicar Electrical.

If interested, visit ocec.coop/rebates-assistance/ to learn more or download your application.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know fall is the perfect time to schedule a tune-up for your heating system? Home heating accounts for a large portion of winter energy bills, and no matter what kind of system you have, you can save energy and money by regularly maintaining your equipment.

Combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings can save about 30% on your energy bills.

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5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:



1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

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3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



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