

Redding Connects

Your Connection to City Services



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REU

Redding Electric Utility

For more information on REU's programs and services that will assist with energy usage, visit www.reupower.com, in person at: 3611 Avtech Parkway, or by phone at (530) 339-7200.

REU and YOU...
POWERFUL TOGETHER

Tips to Help You Beat the Heat

With temperatures exceeding 100 degrees, Redding Electric Utility (REU), would like to help you stay cool and comfortable during the hot summer months, while conserving energy when and where possible.

REU encourages you to take advantage of the following tips, which will allow you to stay cool and save on your monthly electric bill:

- If you haven't already, your local HVAC representative to schedule an appointment for an annual tune-up of your air-conditioning system. You will want to keep your system in working order this summer, rather than waiting on untimely repairs during the high temperatures.
- When using your air-conditioner, set thermostats to 78-80 degrees, which maintains a reasonable level of comfort while conserving energy. Customers with existing medical conditions or customers who are elderly should not alter their normal usage at the detriment to their health.
- Keep your window blinds and drapes closed during hot afternoons and evenings to keep your home cooler.
- Whenever possible, postpone electric usage activities, such as using clothes dryers, dishwashers, and swimming pool pumps until after 8:00 p.m.

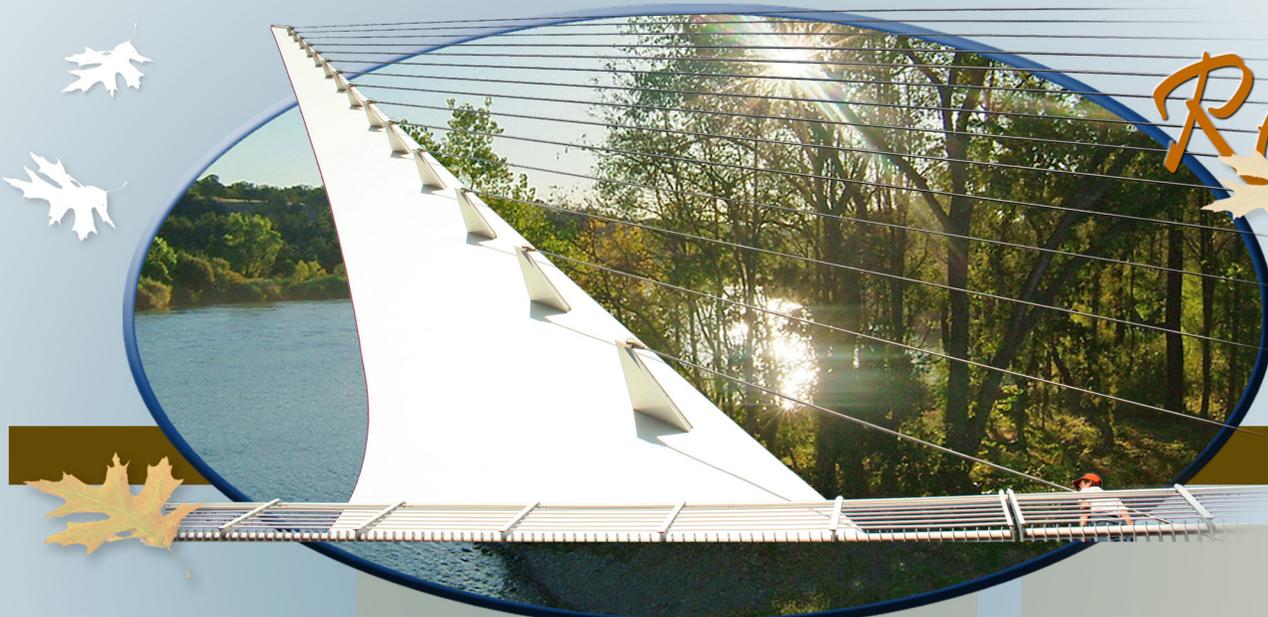
- Consider installing patio covers, awnings, solar window screens, and trees to shade your home from the sun.
- Turn off unnecessary lights, appliances, televisions, and computers. Remember, if they are plugged in, they are using energy and possibly heating up your home and/or office.
- If you have a swimming pool, check with your pool contractor or pool supply store for the minimum length of time your pumps should run each day.
- If you have ceiling fans installed in your home or business, utilize them in occupied rooms to circulate the air. During the summer you should run your fan in a counter-clockwise direction so it will blow air straight down. Remember to turn fans off when rooms are unoccupied.
- If you plan to upgrade your air-conditioning system or appliances, please contact REU about incentives on energy-efficient products.

REU is proud to deliver reliable power to your home and/or business. Our customers can face the summer weather with confidence, knowing REU can, and will, keep the power on in Redding. With your cooperation and support we can all practice conservation, stay cool, and lower our energy bills.

Please visit REU's website (reupower.com) for additional tips on how to stay cool and save on your energy consumption during Redding's hot summer months.

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OPEN DAILY
10 am-8 pm
through
Labor Day



Disaster and Fire Safety Awareness

Big fires start small. A cigarette thrown from a vehicle easily ignites dry grass along the roadside, erupting into a large wildland fire. A candle left unattended in the home burns down, igniting combustibles, and the fire spreads throughout the house. These are examples of how big fires started from small fires. In fact, all fires start from a small ignition source, such as an electrical short arcing and sparking, or from an open flame from matches and lighters in the hands of children. Many fires result from us forgetting about items left on, or in the stove.

The result of small fires getting big are tremendous losses, such as life, property, and the environment. Some helpful tips:

- Remember big fires start from small ones and the majority of them can be prevented. Take a walk in and around your home while thinking of fire safety.
- Ensure your smoke alarms are working to give your family an early warning.
- Make copies of important documents and store them at two different locations in case disaster strikes.
- Talk fire safety with your family and have an escape plan. Stay low and GO!
- Keep cigarette butts in the car (not out the window), to prevent starting a fire.
- Please help us in making this a safer wildland fire season - got defensible space?

Defensible space: Before



Defensible space: After



For more information on disaster and fire safety awareness, go to the City of Redding's website at, www.cityofredding.org, and click on the Redding Fire Department's webpage under "City Departments, Fire."

Watch "Contact" at the Redding Library

On July 8, at 2 p.m., the Redding Library's World of Film program will be welcoming Dr. Jill Tarter, astronomer and former director of the Center for SETI Research. Dr. Tarter will be speaking about her work for SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) and will be accompanied by a screening of the 1997 film **Contact**, starring Jodie Foster. Foster's character in the film was based largely on Tarter.

This is a free event.

For more information on the event, go to our Adult Summer Reading page at www.shastalibraries.org/SummerReading-adult or call 245-7252.

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World of Film

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Dr. Jill Tarter & a special screening of *Contact* (1997) starring Jodie Foster



Sat., July 8 at 2pm
at the Redding Library