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Redding Electric Utility

While You're Traveling.... Tips To Conserve

REU wants to help you save money and energy on your electric bill when you're away from home throughout the year (from several hours during the day to entire days or weeks at a time).

Before you leave your home, take a moment to turn off the lights and electronics that are not being used. Making an adjustment to your thermostat can save you money and energy when you're away from your home during the summer and winter months.

Adjust or turn off your HVAC system

Would you like to save money on your electric bill while you're away and conserve energy at the same time? You can do this by adjusting your thermostat to 85° F, or higher, during the summer months and 65° F, or lower, during the winter months. The most effective way to receive energy savings and reduce electric charges is by turning your thermostat to the "off" position.

Put lights on a timer

By placing timers on your indoor and outdoor lights, you can control the number of hours the lights are on. At night, it will give the appearance that someone is in the home, which may provide you with a sense of security.

Appliances

Unplug appliances that are not being used to save energy and money.



Electronics

Use power strips to turn electronics OFF when not in use. Most electronics consume energy when turned off or in stand-by mode – the national average is about 10 percent of a typical family home's energy use.

Lower the water heater temperature

Is your water temperature too hot? You can save energy and money by shifting the temperature setting on your water heater to the lowest setting.

Window coverings

During the summer months, keep your blinds and drapes closed during the daytime hours to help reduce the internal temperature of your home. During the winter months, keep your blinds and drapes open to allow the sun's heat to warm your home. Close your window coverings at night.

Weatherization

Seal the envelope – save energy and money by sealing air leaks around doors and windows with weather-stripping and caulking . . . it's simple . . . it's low-cost . . . and it saves you money.

Visit www.reupower.com for more information on programs and services that will assist with your energy use for your home.



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Water Saving Tips

Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn sprinklers off.

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 are started from small ones and the majority of them can be prevented. Take a walk in and around your home 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 should a disaster strike.
- 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, www.cityofredding.org, and click on the Redding Fire Department's webpage under "City Departments, Fire."

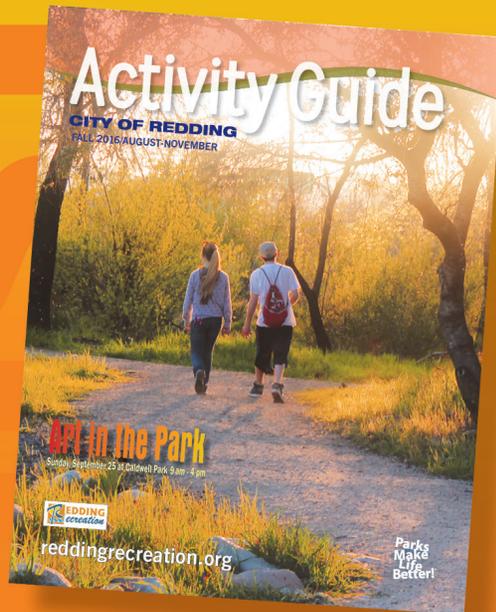
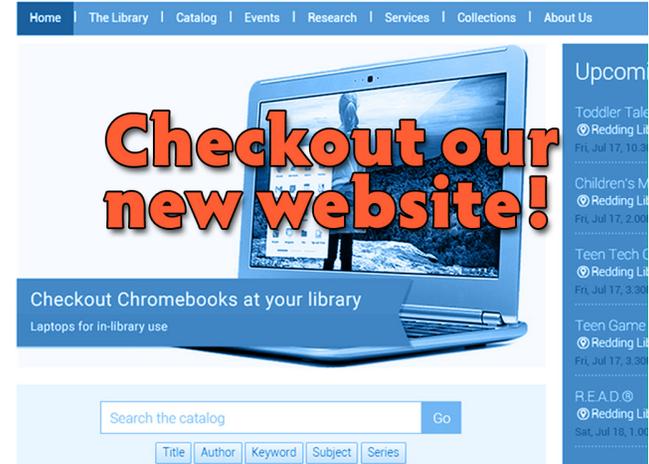
From Your Shasta County Library

Have you seen the Libraries' new website? After a great deal of work and reorganization, we've completely revamped the Shasta Public Libraries website to offer a better online library experience. A couple of our favorite features include the prominent special events and program slider, the enlarged "Upcoming Events" box, and the site's mobile friendliness. Imagine how easy it will now be to login to your library account, checkout an eBook, and immediately get down to reading, all on the same device.

Remember to reset any bookmarks you may have for our site. We wouldn't want you to miss out on anything.

To see all of this for yourself, and much more, visit www.shastalibraries.org.

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