



# Connections

## Time to Use Water and Energy Wisely

The summer season is upon us and temperatures are rising – making it an ideal time to take steps to reduce energy and water use.

### LADWP offers these ways to use energy and water more efficiently:

1. Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) wherever possible.
2. During the heat of day, close draperies, shades, or blinds to reduce the extra heat from direct sunlight and check your home for adequate insulation.
3. Plant shade trees to reduce heat gain to the house.
4. Install/use ceiling fans or whole-house fans for comfort cooling.
5. Set your air-conditioner thermostat to 78 degrees or higher in the summer and heat your home at 68 degrees or cooler during winter.
6. Clean or replace your air-conditioner's filter every month to keep your air-conditioner running more efficiently.
7. Limit the pool pump run-time to six hours a day during the summer and four hours a day in the cooler months.
8. To conserve water, do not water lawns on windy days or during the hottest part of the day, when the evaporation rate is high.
9. Check outdoor sprinklers for proper operation. Make sure the lawn is being watered and not the sidewalk or street. Repair leaks.
10. Adding new plants to the yard? Consider native and other drought-tolerant plants that need 2/3 less water.
11. Lower the temperature on your water heater.
12. Wash only full loads of clothes or dishes.

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## OUTDOOR ELECTRIC SAFETY

### Staying Safe Around Power Lines

LADWP urges people to be extremely cautious when encountering power lines and other electrical equipment, whether you are doing construction or any other kind of work near the lines or encounter a downed line during a rain or wind storm.

### Always Assume All Power Lines Are Live

Always keep yourself, your equipment and all other items, at least 10 feet away from power lines. If a balloon, kite, or any object becomes entangled in an overhead power line, don't climb the pole or make any other attempt to retrieve the object. Instead, call the LADWP at 1-800-DIAL-DWP (1-800-342-5397) and an electrical worker will be sent to remove it.

### Working Around Power Lines

- If you work around power lines, take precautions. Avoid touching equipment, guy-wires, or loads near power lines. Make sure poles, ladders, antennas and other equipment clear all power lines by at least 10 feet in every direction.
- When operating a boom or crane, don't rely on ground rods, warning devices, or insulating boom guards to protect you. Designate a person whose sole responsibility is to direct you away from power lines.
- When working on the ground, stand clear of equipment, guy-wires, and loads that will instantly conduct electricity if they hit a power line.

For more information, visit [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com).



## We're Working for LA!

### Employee Spotlight

Anyone familiar with LADWP's Solar Program knows Josephine Gonzalez, who has managed the program for the past two years. Gonzalez received the "Earth Day City Employee of the Year" award from the Interfaith Environmental Council and the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life. She was recognized by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners on April 18 and by the Mayor and City Council on April 21 for her outstanding work in implementing the program.



A City employee for 17 years, Gonzalez worked for one year at the Harbor Department and nine years at the Environmental Affairs Department prior to joining LADWP in 1999. No doubt about it, she has left her mark on a number of City departments, working on behalf of environmental issues.

### Proposed Rate Actions

LADWP management has proposed water and power rate actions beginning in fiscal year 2006/07 to provide additional revenues needed to comply with more stringent water quality regulations, environmental mandates in the Owens Valley and higher fuel costs associated with the generation of electricity. All rate actions require City Council and Mayoral approval. For information about these rate actions please check our Web site at [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com) or call (213) 367-INFO (367-4636).

## LADWP Offers Programs and Rebates to Help You Save Money, Water and Energy

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) provides a wide array of energy efficiency programs and services for residential customers.

**Consumer Rebate Program (CRP)** LADWP offers cash rebates to customers who purchase qualifying equipment, such as refrigerators, ceiling fans, pool pumps and more.

**Refrigerator Recycling Program (RETIRE)** LADWP provides refrigerator recycling for its residential customers. The program encourages customers to give up older, spare and inefficient refrigerators for recycling in an environmentally sound manner. LADWP provides this service at no cost to the customer and encourages participation by offering a \$35 rebate and a free "six-pack" of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

**Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb (CFL) Distribution** The LADWP strategically distributes CFLs to both familiarize residential customers with this relatively new efficient light source as well as to save energy. The LADWP encourages customers to change out their traditional bulbs for CFLs, which are easily found at local hardware and home repair locations.

**Energy Audits** LADWP provides free online energy audits to educate residential customers on how to efficiently manage their use of electricity. Log on to [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com) and click on "Rebates & Programs" to find a link to the interactive audit program.

**Ultra-Low-Flush Toilet Rebate and Exchange Programs** LADWP's Ultra-Low-Flush toilet rebate program provides up to \$100 for replacing a toilet in a residence. The Toilet Exchange Program provides free Ultra-Low-Flush toilets and free installation.

**High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate Programs** Washing machines are one of the single largest users of water in homes today. LADWP is offering \$150 in rebates to our residential customers who purchase and install qualifying high-efficiency washing machines that reduce water use by as much as 50 percent.

**LADWP's Green Power Program** Sign up for Green Power to show your support for clean, renewable energy. Your voluntary contributions will be added to your bill. The cost for residents has been as low as \$3 a month, depending on usage. To learn more, call 1-800-GreenLA or visit our Web site at [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com).