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# ENERGY & COMFORT @ WSU

WSU Tenant Engagement Program Newsletter for French Administration, Lighty Student Services, Smith Center for Undergraduate Education, Johnson Tower, Todd Hall, and Todd Addition building occupants.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

### Building Transitions:

As we make our way through the fall season, temperatures will be fluctuating throughout the day. Use this time to be aware of your energy consumption by dressing in layers and using space heaters accordingly. If you are experiencing temperatures or conditions outside of average temperature set points, please call Facilities Services at 509-335-9000.

The WSU Fire Marshal and Facilities Services discourage the use of portable space heaters in university interior locations for the following reasons:

- As sources of ignition, space heaters can create fire hazards.
- Space heaters are not as energy efficient as central heating.
- The electric cord creates a tripping hazard.

To conserve energy, the Facilities Services Energy team recommends that University personnel select portable space heaters that use 200 watts or less of electricity. For safety purposes, the space heaters must have on/off switches, tip-over safety features, and be UL (Underwriters Laboratory) listed.

Recommended Options for Space Heaters: [Amazon Basic](#) and [Honeywell Heatbud](#)

### Covid reminders:

The fall semester is in full swing! As spaces on campus become packed once again with staff, students, and faculty, being cognizant of new Covid strains is key to staying healthy. As we work our way toward the cooler autumn months, don't hesitate to stay home and get tested if you are feeling sick.



# ENERGY EFFICIENCY

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

## COMFORT & WELL-BEING

### Tips & Tricks for a Sustainable Halloween

With Halloween around the corner, celebrations are under way. We have included some sustainable solutions to Halloween decorations and costumes so that you can celebrate the festivities while looking out for our planet!

#### Decorations:

- Reuse, Reuse, Reuse! Pull out the old decorations from years past and try to utilize them again. If there are stains, or you are hoping for a new look, try an easy dye project to vamp it up.
- Make your own! Using old sheets, cardboard, and other recyclable materials to create new decorations can be a fun activity and leave you with some spooky decorations.

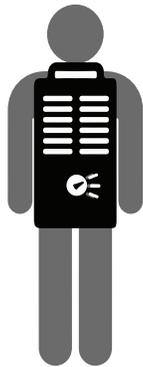
#### Costumes:

Coming up with costume ideas can be difficult. We have come up with a few sustainable costume ideas to make your life a little easier:



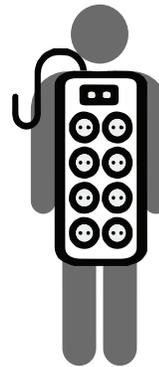
#### LED LIGHT BULB

This costume will consume far less energy than your traditional light bulb and its life span is much longer allowing you to reuse the same costume next year!



#### ENERGY AND SAFETY COMPLIANT SPACE HEATER

Space heaters are a huge fire safety. To make sure your costume is safe for the night, be sure to turn it off and unplug when not wearing it!



#### SMART POWER STRIP

Having devices plugged into the appropriate sides of your Smart Strip and programming when those devices need to be used can reduce large plug loads from the building and your costume!

### STILL MORE SMART POWER STRIPS TO INSTALL IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR:

As we move through this most recent milestone we look forward to doubling our quota and expanding our study! This means that **we need a Smart Power Strip in every office of every department of French Administration, Lighty Student Services, the Smith CUE, Todd Hall (and Addition) and Johnson Tower!** We are also pushing to install strips in kitchenettes and other shared workspaces with shared electronic devices. If you already have a strip installed, spread the word! Otherwise, **reach out to Zachary Colligan at [zach.colligan@wsu.edu](mailto:zach.colligan@wsu.edu) to learn more** about our study and to participate in making campus more efficient.

## National Public Lands Day: September 20th

Although this holiday has passed, there are still plenty of ways to celebrate our National Public Lands. Exploring public spaces like Kamiak Butte, Steptoe Butte, and Moscow Mountain are a few places to get out and enjoy the changing colors. To learn more about the history of our local lands, you can explore the Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center here on campus.

## Energy Efficiency Day: October 5th

Energy Efficiency Day was on October 5th, however, we have elected to celebrate all of October as Energy Efficiency *Month!* Take the time to be conscious of your energy usage by dressing in layers to maintain thermal comfort. Turn off lights when they are not in use to take advantage of the natural light. Ride the bus to work. Advocate for energy efficiency to three people in the office and make sure to have a Smart Power Strip installed in your office!

If you would like to learn more about our smart strip program please visit our website: <https://idcl.wsu.edu/>

## International Day of Climate Action: October 24th

Look out for the ID+CL staff throughout the week of the 24th as we celebrate this day by engaging departments and staff in our target buildings! One way for us to limit our state's green house gas emissions is to reduce "demand for electricity by investing in energy efficiency."<sup>(1)</sup> We will invest in energy efficiency by giving out free Smart Power Strips and other goodies to celebrate and empower our supporters!

(1) <https://blog.ucsusa.org/mark-specht/clean-electricity-in-washington-state/>

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FALL 2022!



### NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY (September 20th, 2022)

Explore nearby public lands and enjoy a local hike before the weather turns brisk and frosty. Getting out and learning about the land around us is the first step in healing our planet!

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY (October 5th, 2022)

Celebrate the day by limiting your energy usage to what is necessary to maintain your comfort and make sure you have a Smart Power Strip installed in your office!

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION (October 24th, 2022)

Lookout for the ID+CL staff as we come around on the 24th to engage with departments and staff in our target buildings!