

Florence Energy News

Solid Waste & Recycling



Electronic Recycling Drop-Off Program

Where: 1200 Terrace Street

When: 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week

Questions: Call 760-6466 for more info

What Can Be Recycled?

- Computers - CPU's & Laptops, Mainframes, & Peripherals
- Monitors - CRT's & Flat Screens
- Telephones, Cell Phones & Telephone Systems
- Fax Machines & Central Office Equipment
- Banking & Financial Equipment
- Medical Equipment
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Electronic Circuit Boards & Components
- Stereo Equipment, Games, & PDA's

Energy Efficiency Federal Tax Incentives

If you have been thinking about making energy efficiency improvements to your home, recent action by the federal government may have made it better financially for you in 2009 and 2010. In the stimulus bill passed by Congress earlier this year, consumers can receive a tax credit of 30% (up to \$1,500.00 credit) for approved projects.

These projects may include adding insulation, reflective roofing or installing more energy-efficient windows, doors, or heating systems. Some equipment, such as solar panels and other home energy systems that use renewable energy, qualifies for the same tax credit, but with no upper limit.

People who install solar water heaters, solar panels, geothermal heat pumps, small wind systems, or fuel cells may be eligible for a federal tax credit of 30% of installation costs as well as the cost of the equipment. These systems must be in place by 2016.

Home builders may be eligible for a \$2,000.00 tax credit for a new energy-efficient home. A tax deduction of up to \$1.80 per square foot is available to owners or designers of new or existing commercial buildings that save at least 50% of the heating and cooling energy of a building that meets ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2001.

Energy Efficiency Federal Tax Incentives

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You should make sure the improvements you plan to make meet the requirements of this program to qualify for the tax credit before you invest your money. You can find more information about the tax credits from the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Program or contact your tax advisor.

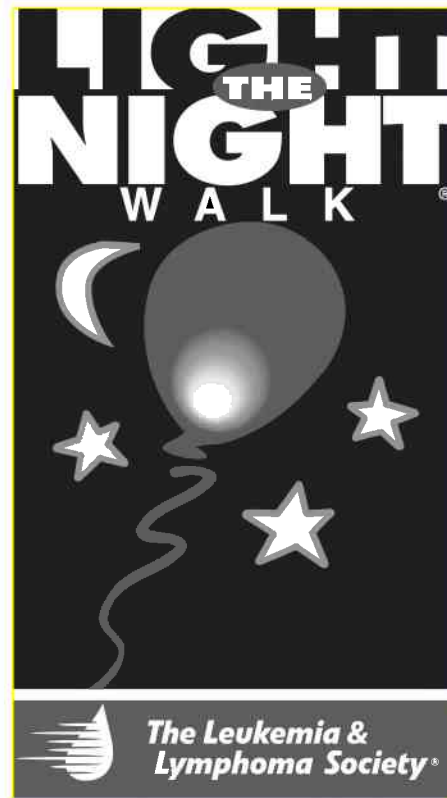
Energy Saving Tips

- Fix any leaky faucets – one drop per second can add up to 165 gallons a month
- Add insulation to your attic, crawl space and any accessible exterior walls
- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents – they use 75% less energy and last 10 times longer
- Change air filters monthly
- Install aerating, low-flow faucets and showerheads
- Caulk and weather-strip around windows and doors to stop air leaks
- Tune-up your heating and cooling system annually to keep it running as efficiently as possible
- Have your ductwork inspected and repair any leaks

Energy Saving Tips

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- Use the microwave when possible – it cooks faster and doesn't create as much heat as a stove burner
- Run your dishwasher and clothes washer only when full
- Use the oven light to check on progress when cooking or baking
- Turn off lights, televisions, and other appliances when not in use
- Reduce hot water use by taking shorter showers and using cold water for the rinse cycle in your washer
- Air-dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher's heat drying option
- Wrap your water heater with insulation or install an insulating blanket
- Match the size of your pot or pan to the size of the burner
- Set the refrigerator temperature at 36° to 39° F and the freezer at 0° to 5° F
- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label when replacing large or small appliances
- Use power strips for home electronics and turn off power strips when equipment is not in use
- Replace worn-out seals on your refrigerator and freezer
- Perform a do-it-yourself home energy audit. Online and paper versions are available at www.energyright.com/audit_kit.htm.
- Clean refrigerator coils regularly to keep the compressor running efficiently



Please Join Us

10th Annual

Light the Night Walk

Saturday, October 10, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Wilson Park

Kick-off: August 20, 6 p.m.

City Auditorium

August 2009

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NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM FLORENCE UTILITIES

Florence now has an Electronic Recycling Drop-Off Program 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week. If you have any questions, please call 760-6466.

There are many *energy saving tips* that will lower your energy costs. Check to see which ones you can use.

Energy Efficiency Federal Tax Incentives are available for certain home improvements. You may be eligible for a tax credit. See inside for more information.

Please join us for the 10th Annual "Light the Night Walk" *kick-off* on August 20 and the "Light the Night Walk" on October 10, 2009.

ATTENTION

**FLORENCE UTILITIES WILL BE
CLOSED ON**

SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY