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MONTHLY ENERGY NEWSLETTER



Energy Super Star ★

Rudy Jeffery, FMS Staff at Rock Creek, has been working at PCC for over five years. He assists with everything from plumbing to drywall, to electrical assistance. Why is Rudy our Energy Super Star this month?

Rudy Helps install more efficient lamps and lighting systems as well as addressing water leaks.

Rudy works hard to save the college money & resources every day.

<https://www.pcc.edu/sustainability>



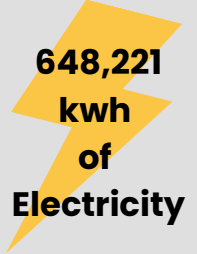
Tour of Solar Array at Rock Creek in 2019

Strategic Energy Management

The Strategic Energy Management (SEM) initiative provides coaching, training, support and financial incentives to implement many of our energy conservation operational, mechanical and occupant behavior change efforts.

Our goal is to support sustainable, efficient and fiscally responsible energy use through efficiency measures, advancing the use of renewable technology, and decarbonizing our overall energy mix while increasing the resiliency of energy systems at the college in alignment with Energy Justice principles.

We joined the Energy Trust of Oregon's Strategic Energy Management Program in 2015. Since then, we have saved...



648,221
kwh
of
Electricity

and



24,455
therms
of
Heat



Here is Rudy demonstrating his commitment and passion to conserving energy.

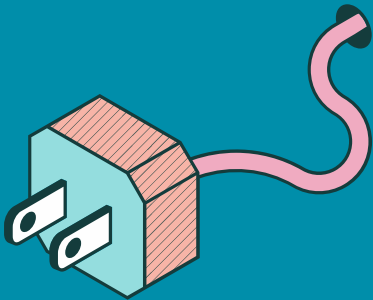
To learn more check out the [SEM webpage](#) or email Jack Rasmuson, SEM Associate, at jack.rasmuson@pcc.edu

If you would like to nominate yourself or a coworker to be featured in a future issue, please email jack.rasmuson@pcc.edu

How Can You Kill-A-Watt?



You can save energy by unplugging electronic devices when not in use. Most devices constantly use energy even when turned off in order to be ready for immediate use. This phenomenon is known as “Ghost Power” and can account for up to 20% of your monthly energy bill. The only way for them to be turned off completely is to unplug the device. This applies to electronic chargers as well.



What **you** can do:

- Leave a post-it note on your devices reminding you to unplug them.
- Use a Power Strip and flip the switch off when not in use. (this has the same effect as unplugging each socket).

NEW!

ENERGY CONSERVATION PROCEDURES

We are excited to unveil our newly revised Energy Conservation Procedures to support our Climate Action Plan.

These procedures make justice a key consideration as PCC purchases, uses, and locates energy sources. These procedures encompass college-wide facilities and engage, faculty, staff, and students in meeting PCC's energy goals.

The Climate Action Plan was approved in 2021 and establishes the college's roadmap towards climate justice and a new goal to be carbon neutral by 2040.



If you are interested in energy conservation and want to get involved in an action-oriented committee that saves the college money and resources, email elaine.cole16@pcc.edu