# **WATER · POWER · PEOPLE**

News for our residential customers



## THIS EARTH MONTH, LET'S TAKE ACTION TOGETHER

As a publicly-owned utility, we exist for the benefit of our community—a community that is known for its dedication to environmental sustainability and stewardship. At EWEB, we're always looking to reduce our impact on the environment and to protect energy and water resources for generations to come. And we are excited to partner with you—our customer owners!

# **GreenOptions**: Making a Difference

Last year we launched GreenOptions in honor of Earth Day. These voluntary programs are for those who want to do more to reduce your carbon footprint, save money, and make a difference in our local community and beyond.



Friends of Trees earned a \$50,000 EWEB Greenpower Grant in 2021 to plant trees in urban areas and communities historically excluded from the benefits of green space.



**14,000 trees and shrubs planted for carbon sequestration.** GreenOptions customers are helping University of Oregon researchers learn how specific plant species and forestry practices can help mitigate climate change and wildfire.



**1,400** energy efficiency projects completed. Customers saved more than 15,000 MWh of energy and 4,000 metric tons of CO2e in 2022, with help from EWEB rebates and loans for heating systems, water heaters, windows, insulation and other energy saving upgrades.



An estimated 65 million gallons of water saved. Customers are saving 1 million gallons annually with help from rebates on hand valves and WaterSense toilets. Loans and grants for water line replacement and leak repairs will save millions more gallons every year.



**1,000 electric bikes and counting!** Our \$300 e-bike rebate is helping customers meet community climate goals, cut air pollution, and reduce traffic congestion.



Anna Wade, EWEB

We recognize that many EWEB customers prioritize environmental stewardship and we're committed to the partnership we have with our community to ensure a sustainable future."

- Anna



Juan Serpa Muñoz, EWEB (right) & Terry McDonald, St. Vincent dePaul

I'm especially excited about our electric mobility options that give people of all incomes an option to get around without relying on fossil-based fuels."

### LET'S TALK CARBON FOOTPRINT

As an EWEB customer, most of your electricity comes from hydropower and is nearly carbon-free. However, other emissions sources such as driving a car, throwing waste into the local landfill or using natural gas to heat your home can contribute significantly to your impact on the climate.

### What's contributing to your local footprint?

We estimate that an average household in our service area using EWEB's clean electricity for heat emits approximately 5 MT CO2e per year in local emissions.



<sup>\*</sup> Based on the City of Eugene CAP 2.0 study; includes wastewater treatment and landfill emissions.

### How can you shrink your footprint?

Save energy! Upgrade heating systems, water heaters, windows and insulation.

Save water! Fix leaks and upgrade toilets.

Use cleaner ways to get around, from public transit to biking, walking, and electric vehicles.

After you maximize ways to reduce carbon emissions, you can neutralize your remaining footprint with offsets added right to your EWEB bill.





Find rebates and loans at eweb.org/SaveEnergy



Find EV charging and e-bike incentives at eweb.org/EV



Invest in projects that benefit the environment at eweb.org/LeadGreen

### **Your Board of Commissioners**

Wards 6 & 7 Sonya Carlson (President)

Wards 2 & 3 John Barofsky (Vice President)

Wards 4 & 5 John Brown

Wards 1 & 8 Matt McRae

At-large Mindy Schlossberg The citizens of Eugene elect five commissioners to four-year terms. They dedicate their service to the utility as volunteers without pay. Commissioners hold regularly scheduled public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, typically at 5:30 p.m. Our customer-owners are welcome and encouraged to participate. Meetings are streamed live and archived on eweb.org/board.



