

## **PUD Increases Rebates for Business Lighting Projects**

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Snohomish County Public Utility District has increased rebates for energy-efficient lighting projects installed by businesses. The program offers funding for more than 30 retrofit options. The PUD will pay up to 70 percent of the cost for contractor-installed projects or 100 percent of material cost for fixtures if the project is self-installed.

Businesses may receive up to \$15,000 in total rebates per building per year.

Examples of energy efficient lighting measures include:

- Replacing incandescent lighting with Energy Star screw-in compact fluorescent, cold cathode fluorescent, and LED technology, compact fluorescent fixtures or T8 / T5 fixtures.
- Replacing incandescent or compact fluorescent exit signs with LED exit signs.
- Replacing high intensity discharge (HID) lighting (mercury vapor, metal halide, high/low pressure sodium) with energy efficient fluorescent lighting (high performance T8 / T5 fixtures).
- Retrofitting or replacing T12 fluorescent lighting with high performance T8 or T5 lighting.
- Installing a variety of lighting control options (motion sensors, photocells, timers, and daylight controls).

Efficient lighting systems deliver benefits for the customer, the community and the environment including lower energy bills, better lighting quality and improved work environments.

All business customers may be eligible to receive rebates for lighting retrofit projects in existing buildings. Common areas of multi-unit residential housing or multi-tenant buildings may also qualify.

For more information, including a list of contractors and suppliers that can help businesses get started, call the PUD Energy Hotline at 425-783-1700.

