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Connections

Energy assistance resources

Avista's My Energy Discount program offers energy assistance for income-qualified customers.

Discount amounts are based on yearly household income and size and have increased in the last year to include more households. Local community action agencies offer additional energy assistance and other helpful programs and services.

Visit myavista.com/MyEnergyDiscountWA to sign up, or visit a local community action agency. For other bill assistance options, please visit myavista.com/assistance.



Climate Commitment Act Rate Adjustments for Washington Avista Natural Gas Customers

The Climate Commitment Act (CCA), passed by the Washington state legislature in 2021 and implemented by the Washington Department of Ecology, aims to reduce carbon emissions and achieve greenhouse gas limits set in the state law. It requires all businesses, like Avista, with emissions exceeding a certain level, to reduce those emissions to net zero by 2050 and to meet emissions targets along the way.

The CCA is designed as a cap-and-invest program. It sets an emissions limit, or cap, and then lowers it over time. Natural gas utilities, like Avista, must purchase allowances equal to their emissions, sold in an auction format or purchased on a secondary market. As stated by the Washington Department of Ecology, funds raised from the allowance auctions will support new investments made by the state climate-resiliency programs, clean transportation, and addressing health disparities across the state.

Impact to Washington Avista Natural Gas Customers

In March, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission approved Avista's natural gas rate adjustment for the CCA, which took effect in April. This rate adjustment has two components that follow the State's rules. One is the CCA charge — Avista's costs to comply with the cap and invest program — and the

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other is a CCA credit, which is derived from revenues Avista received from allowances that it was required to sell at auction. This credit is reserved for customers connected to Avista's system prior to July 26, 2021, and all identified low-income customers. Based on a CCA charge per therm of \$0.22518, the amount each customer will pay towards the CCA will depend on their actual usage, which changes month to month. For identified low-income customers, the CCA credit will fully offset the CCA charge. For all other customers, that receive the CCA credit, it will be a flat credit that helps to offset the CCA charge each month.

Most Avista natural gas customers will see an increase of \$1.33-\$5.45/mo due to the Washington CCA charge.

Many Avista customers will notice an overall, year-over-year increase in their bill due to the CCA, though the total cost impact will vary by customer. Please see the chart below for details.

Washington Natural Gas Customers		Connected to Avista system on or before Jul 25,2021		Connected to Avista system after Jul 25,2021	
TYPE OF SERVICE	AVERAGE MONTHLY USE	BILL INCREASE AMOUNT	% CHANGE	BILL INCREASE AMOUNT	% CHANGE
Residential & Small Commercial Apr-Oct	64 therms	\$1.33	3.26%	\$14.96	16.05%
Residential & Small Commercial Nov-Mar		\$5.45			
Residential (Low Income Identified) Jan-Dec	64 therms	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%
Large Commercial Apr-Oct	1460 therms	\$38.91	3.83%	\$328.87	18.13%
Large Commercial Nov-Mar		\$111.95			
Large Commercial/Industrial (Former Transport) Jan-Dec	11,499 therms	*	*	\$2,589.28	22.85%
Large Commercial/Industrial Interruptible Jan-Dec	54,770 therms	\$2,473.42	6.96%	*	*
Large Commercial/Industrial Transport Jan-Dec	54,879 therms	\$2,906.40	33.49%	\$7,369.95	99.57%

* Avista does not serve any customers in this category as of 03-07-2024

For more information about Avista's Rates and Regulations, visit myavista.com/rates.

LOOK UP AND LOOK OUT FOR POWER LINES



Keep yourself and your tools away from power lines

When working or playing outdoors, be aware of overhead power lines. You could come in contact with a wire and be electrocuted by carrying a ladder, working on the roof or trimming trees. Long-handled pool-cleaning tools can also reach lines. Tell kids to watch out for power lines, too, when climbing trees, flying kites and playing with water blasters and soakers. Anyone flying a drone needs to be careful, as well. We just want you to be safe.

Visit myavista.com/safetyvideos for more safety tips.

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