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Earth Month is

Cleaner, Brighter & Greener

at OUC

Plan ahead with tips from Erin Givens, OUC Vegetation Management Specialist

- Visualize your planting area beforehand and allow enough space for your plants to grow to their full potential.
- Select the right plant by considering the amount of sunlight, soil conditions, nearest water source, and location of above ground and/or buried utilities.
- Call 811 before you dig. OUC will mark your underground utilities for free.
- Any trees planted within 20 feet of an overhead utility line should have a maximum height of less than 20 feet.
- Conserve natural resources by following the rules of xeriscaping or Florida-Friendly Landscaping.



Go Green and Save \$\$\$ with Residential Rebates

In honor of Earth Month, we're reminding customers of our residential rebate programs that encourage homeowners to go green and save money.

Learn more at: OUC.com/rebates



Expanding Solar to Brighten Our Future

To help meet our community's growing need for clean, sustainable energy, we're finding innovative ways to make solar a viable option. In 2011, we led the way, building the first solar farm in Orange County. Now, we're spreading solar all around town with highly-visible solar sculptures, an innovative floating solar array at our Gardenia Operations Center, and the brand-new Kenneth P. Ksionek Community Solar Farm at Stanton Energy Center in east Orlando, which allows both residential and commercial customers to reap the benefits of solar energy without installing their own rooftop panels.

For more on OUC Solar Solutions, visit OUC.com/solar

Save Money This Summer!

Warmer weather is on the way. Keep energy costs under control with these simple tricks:

Set your thermostat at 78 degrees

The efficiency "sweet spot" for most AC units. When you leave, turn it up to 85 degrees or higher. You'll save 6-8 percent for each degree you raise the setting.

Change or clean AC filters monthly

Check the air handler and ductwork for leaks and place weather-stripping or caulk around windows, doors, plumbing and other gaps.

Keep the heat out

Close your curtains, mini-blinds, or shutters.

Install ceiling fans

With cool air circulating, you can raise your thermostat several degrees and not notice the difference. Just remember to turn fans off in unoccupied areas.



Beware of Utility Scams

If you receive a call from someone claiming to represent OUC and demanding payment, hang up immediately! An OUC representative will NEVER request payment or ask for bank/credit card information over the phone.

If you're ever suspicious of a call, email or visit from someone who claims to be an OUC employee, contact us at customerservice@ouc.com or 407-957-7373.



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