

Give the Gift of Energy Efficiency

When it comes to shopping for and comparing appliances and home electronics, look for the EnergyGuide and Energy Star labels to ensure the energy-efficiency credentials of the product inside the box.

The Federal Trade Commission requires yellow EnergyGuide labels on most home appliances, except ranges and ovens. The labels provide an estimate of the product's energy consumption or efficiency and compare it to the highest and lowest energy consumption or efficiency estimates of similar appliance models.

On home electronics such as computers, televisions and home audio equipment, look for the blue Energy Star label that indicates they meet strict energy-efficiency criteria established by the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The average home has two TVs, three telephones and a DVD player. If replaced with Energy Star-qualified models, more than 25 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions a year would be saved—equivalent to removing more than 2 million cars from the road.

Home electronics with clock displays and remote controls use energy even when switched off, often causing unexpected costs in U.S. households. Energy Star products use less energy to perform "standby" functions while providing the same performance and features.

Using less energy preserves energy resources and saves

money on energy bills. An energy-efficient gift truly is a gift that keeps on giving.

For more information, visit www.eere.energy.gov or www.energystar.gov. ■

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December

- 1—Goldendale Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 318 W. Brooks St., Goldendale
- 1—Mosier Holiday Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mosier Community School
- 4-8—Holiday Ale Festival, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland
- 5—Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, 7 to 9 p.m., Toyota Center, Kennewick
- 6—Festival of Trees, 6 to 9 p.m., The Dalles Civic Auditorium
- 6—Kenny G, The Miracles Holiday & Hits, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Toyota Center, Kennewick
- 6-7—Lighted Boat Parade, 6 to 9 p.m., Clover Island, Kennewick to Howard Amon Park, Richland
- 6-8—Christmas Bazaar, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Portland Expo Center
- 7—Wahtonka Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wahtonka Campus, The Dalles
- 7—Country Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Grass Valley Pavilion
- 7—Community Christmas Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gateway Church, The Dalles
- 7—Numerica Hometown Holiday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Downtown Kennewick
- 7—Pasco Winter Fest, 2 to 6 p.m., Volunteer Park, Pasco
- 7—Hood River Santa Con, 6 to 10:30 p.m., Downtown and the Heights Hood River
- 7—Santa Con, 4 to 8 p.m., Downtown Kennewick
- 7-8—ScanFair Market, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Portland
- 8-10—CFA Cat Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Double Tree-Lloyd Center, Portland
- 10—KPUD Commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 13—Winter Sings & Swings — Voci Choir and Jazz Collective, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Wy'east Middle School, Odell
- 13-15—The Nutcracker presented by Mid-Columbia Ballet, Friday, 7 to 9:15 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 3:15 p.m. and 7 to 9:15 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 3:15 p.m., Richland High School Auditorium
- 14—Candy Cane Lane Parade, 5 p.m., Goldendale
- 14—Second Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, Hood River
- 14—Last Chance Holiday Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hood River County Fairgrounds, Odell
- 14—Second Saturday Contra Dance 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rockford Grange, Hood River
- 14—EastBurn's Ciderfest, 4 to 10 p.m., EastBurn Public House, Portland
- 14-15—Holiday Art & Craft Market, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oregon Convention Center Hall D, Portland
- 21—Lampson Cable Bridge Run, 9 a.m., Columbia Drive, Kennewick
- 21-22—Holiday Spirits Fest, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Portland Saturday Market
- 23—KPUD Commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 25—Christmas Day, Klickitat PUD offices closed

