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OED & Utah Clean Energy release energy efficiency guide for renters *The guide available for download in English and Spanish*

SALT LAKE CITY (July 3, 2019) — To advance Utah's air quality while saving renters energy and money, The Governor's Office of Energy Development has partnered with Utah Clean Energy to create the "[Utah's Renter's Energy Efficiency Guide](#)."

"[One in three households](#) in Utah are rented, and we are committed to creating educational resources to ensure this key part of our community understands the tools and options available to them to make their homes or apartments more energy efficient," said Laura Nelson, the Governor's energy advisor and executive director of the Governor's Office of Energy Development. "From practical improvement projects, to rebates and programs, this thorough guide details several energy and money saving tips that can be implemented by renters and landlords alike."

While significant upgrades, such as replacing a furnace, updating windows or insulating the attic, require greater investment and approval from a building owner, this six-page guide offers 25 energy-savings actions across lighting and household devices, heating and cooling, laundry and reducing air leaks. For landlords, the guide also offers a section on actions, programs and best practices for improved properties. Each action is ranked according to difficulty (easy, medium, hard) and cost savings (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$), allowing a renter or landlord an upfront look at each potential project before they begin.

"If you rent your home or apartment, it may seem like you have limited options to be more energy efficient, but there are actually dozens of actions you can take today to make your home more



comfortable, while also saving energy and money,” said Kevin Emerson, Utah Clean Energy’s energy efficiency program director. “The Renter’s Energy Efficiency Guide outlines actions that renters can take to reduce their energy waste and save money within the limits of a rental agreement.”

Finally, the guide provides information on several financial incentives available to renters and landlords, as well as low and no-cost resources, such as the In-Home Energy Plan offered by Dominion Energy’s ThermWise program, and the Wattsmart Starter Kit provided for free through Rocky Mountain Power’s Wattsmart program. It also has a section on state and local government programs for low-income renters.

The “Utah’s Renter’s Energy Efficiency Guide” is free and available for download in English and Spanish at <https://energy.utah.gov/media-events/publications>.

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About Governor’s Office of Energy Development (OED)

Web: energy.utah.gov

Governor Gary R. Herbert recognizes energy as one of the four cornerstones of Utah’s strength, along with education, job creation, and self-determination. In recognition of this priority, the Governor’s Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in 2011 to advance the responsible development of Utah’s energy and minerals sector to provide significant and lasting value to the state through the provision of affordable, reliable and sustainable energy.

About Utah Clean Energy

Web: utahcleanenergy.org

Utah Clean Energy is Utah’s leading expert, public interest organization working to expand renewable energy and energy efficiency in a way that is beneficial not only for Utah’s environment and health, but our economy and long-term energy security. Utah Clean Energy is committed to creating a future that ensures healthy, thriving communities for all, empowered and sustained by clean energies such as solar, wind and energy efficiency.