

# TRUCKEE DONNER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

# CARBON BINGO SWEEPSTAKES

May 31 Truckee Donner Public Utility District is hosting the third annual Carbon Bingo Sweepstakes starting on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. All entries will be placed into a drawing and the lucky winner will receive a portable battery power station. Odds of winning are expected to be 1 in 100. Exact odds are dependent on actual number of entries received. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER DRAWING.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Use the board on the back of this flyer to make a Carbon Bingo! Each square represents one action you can take to reduce your greenhouse gas footprint. A key is provided below to expand on each action.
- 2. Over the course of the sweepstakes, accomplish each action across the board vertically, horizontally, or diagonally — coloring in each square that you complete. Once completed, yell "BINGO!", sign the bottom of the board, and then submit your board to TDPUD via email (rebates@tdpud.org) or in person. That's it, you're in the drawing!\*

# **BINGO TILES:**

Artwork provided courtesy of Sierra Watershed Educational Partnerships (SWEP) elementary schools' sustainability clubs from Glenshire (GES), Truckee (TES), Sierra Expeditionary (SELS), and Donner Trails (DTES).

\*Submissions are due by 5pm PDT on Friday, May 31st. The winner will be announced at the Truckee Day Clean Up event on Saturday, June 1st, so come on out to support the community and then swing by and visit us at our booth!

#### **B1** Replace furnace filter regularly. Clean filters use less energy and remove pollutants from the air. **B2** Use a broom to clean outdoor areas instead of hosing them off and wasting valuable drinking water. **B3** Always use a hose with shut-off valve installed for outdoor watering to avoid water wastage. **B4** Turn off your oven a few minutes before cooking time ends. Residual heat will finish your dish.

BINGO BOARD KEY

- **B5** Replace landscaping with drought-resistant trees, bushes, or hardscape to reduce the need for water.
- 11 Turn water off while brushing your teeth. Fill a cup with water to rinse your mouth instead. 12 Install a low-flow showerhead and save water.
- 13 Turn off lights when not in use or when there is enough natural light from windows to see.
- 14 Use automatic timers for your irrigation system to avoid over-watering and save valuable water.
- Replace old power hogs with new high-efficiency appliances to save energy. 15
- **N1** Use water-wise plants in your beds/garden. Check with your local garden stores for recommendations.
- **N2** Turn down/up your thermostat 2 or more degrees from usual — down for heating or up for cooling.
- **N3** FREE TILE!
- **N4** Turn water off while shaving to prevent it from going straight down the drain.
- **N5** Remember to close your foundation vents to keep heat in, and cold and weather out.
- G1 Turn off phantom power loads (TVs, computers, chargers, etc) when not in use to save energy.
- G2 Try using a 5-minute shower timer to monitor and limit time in the shower and save gallons of water.
- G3 Air-dry your laundry instead of using your dryer to save energy.
- G4 Close curtains/blinds in the summer to keep in morning cool, and open in the winter to let in the sun's heat.
- G5 Reheat food in the microwave instead of a stove since microwaves use much less energy to cook.
- 01 Wash clothes in cold water to save energy.
  - 02 Use mulch over soil to keep water trapped around your plants.
- 03 Clean out your fridge. Too much food piled high can hinder efficient distribution of air cooling.
- 04 Save energy by using fans to move and distribute hot air around instead of turning on the AC.
- 05 Unplug electronics, park the car, and do one extra outdoor activity in your neighborhood.



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