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Green Pumpkins are Great Pumpkins at Summit School



A Seattle public school's 6th grade class gave Halloween a green twist this year – or more accurately a green “twisty”. As part of a lesson on energy efficiency, Marty Christianson’s students at Summit School carved pumpkins outfitted with the new mini, compact fluorescent “twisty” bulbs.

The “green” jack o’lanterns were all lit up when Seattle City Light conservation specialist Anne Ducey spoke to the class October 30th. “We’re entering the peak energy-use season in the Northwest. Even though children don’t pay the

power bills, they are energy consumers, and will be for a lot longer than any grown ups, so I think it’s important to make them aware of what they can do to save energy,” says Ducey. “I hope they will think about it every day.”

She adds that the city of Seattle’s new *Twist & Save* program makes this an especially good time to start using compact fluorescents. In partnership with City Light, dozens of stores in Seattle and King County are selling Energy Star CF bulbs at some of the lowest prices ever. The deals will last through 2008, and bulbs can be purchased without coupons or rebate forms. “If home and business owners make some changes now, they will have lower power bills this winter,” assures Ducey who says she’s hoping Ms. Christianson’s students suggested their light bulb trick as a Halloween treat for their parents.

*For more on buying, using and disposing of compact fluorescent bulbs check out:
<http://www.seattle.gov/twistandsave>