

LEWIS COUNTY CHAPTER OF OLYMPIA MASTER BUILDERS



Low-Cost Energy Saving Solutions for Your Home



Lewis County Chapter Meetings
Please join us for our next monthly OMB Lewis County Chapter meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at the Moose Lodge. For more information contact Jenn at membership@omb.org or visit omb.org/chapters/lewis-county. Non-members welcome.

With prices going up on goods and services across the board, you might be looking for ways to lower your household expenses. Now is a great time to think about making some home improvements so you can save money on your utility bills throughout the year. With approximately 13% of greenhouse gas emissions coming directly from buildings due to heating, cooling, and

cooking needs, here are a few ways to both save money on energy and reduce your carbon footprint this year.

in your house. For low- or moderate-income customers, you also might be eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program to help offset costs.

keep you warm during the winter.

Welcome to Our Newest OMB Lewis County Members:
Dodie's Design Co.
Northwestern Woodworks, LLC

Get a Free Home Energy Assessment
An energy audit completed by a professional is a great first step to help benchmark where your home stands in terms of energy-efficiency, and it will give you a better sense of what actions you can take to help improve your home's energy performance.

Add Insulation
After you take steps to air-seal your home, adding insulation to your attic, basement, and walls can go a long way to saving money on electricity; the insulation helps keep the heat inside your house, also making your home more comfortable.

Reduce Phantom Loads
Phantom loads include electricity being used by appliances or devices purely because they are plugged into the walls, even if the device is off or on standby mode. Consider getting a programmable smart power strip, or simply unplug your devices whenever they are not in use.

Take Advantage of Your Blinds
To best take advantage of the sun, let the natural light in during the day to help heat your house, but close your curtains at night to help lock the heat in.

Close Your Vents and Doors
For rooms you don't use often, consider closing those vents and doors to help eliminate energy waste.

Weatherize Your Home
You can do this by sealing any noticeable cracks, particularly around leaky doors and windows. Caulking these areas and weatherstripping can help air-seal troublesome spots

Make Window Improvements
Even if you don't have the upfront cash to upgrade your windows, less expensive options include caulking, weatherstripping, and adding thicker window coverings to

Check Your Water Heater Settings
Chances are you haven't touched your water heater in years. Try lowering the temperature to reduce your energy use.

To find qualified builders, remodelers, manufacturers and other industry professionals committed to making your home green, visit omb.org to access our online searchable directory.

Lewis County Government Affairs Update:

City of Chehalis
The Community Development/Building & Planning Department office is now open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. They are closed on state holidays.

their schedule. Please call the inspection line at (360) 360-0072. If you reach voicemail, please provide the permit number or address, type of inspection you're requesting and a good call back number. *Please note* an adult of 18 years or older is required to be present at the time of inspection.

City of Centralia 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update
The development of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan will describe the 20-year vision for the City of Centralia and how that vision will be accomplished from now to 2045. The Plan develops goals, policies, and implementation strategies that guide the community-driven vision. The

Plan will include elements that discuss land use, housing, economic development, environment, historic preservation, transportation, public facilities, utilities, capital facilities, parks, recreation, and open space.

Permits, Roofing Permits, Mechanical Permits, and Plumbing Permits. Electrical Permits are issued through Washington State Labor and Industries.

Inspections occur Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Staff asks that you call or email at least 48 hours ahead, to ensure they have a spot in

The online permitting portal is live!

Online Building Permit Submittal or Permit Information
Building Permits: Residential & Commercial

For more information, contact Olympia Master Builders Government Affairs Director at ga@omb.org or (360)754-0912 (ext. 102).



OMB Education Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications.

The OMB Education Foundation Scholarship Application is Now Available Online at omb.org

The Olympia Master Builders (OMB) Education Foundation is accepting applications for scholarship grants ranging up to \$2500 to college or vocational/technical school-bound students who currently reside within Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, or Grays Harbor Counties. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 12, 2024.

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