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NEWBERGUNDIAN BISTRO PRIORITIZES SUSTAINABILITY WITHOUT SACRIFICING FLAVOR

PROJECT-AT-A-GLANCE

Equipment installed

- Electric convection oven

Financial analysis

- \$500 cash incentive
- \$75 estimated annual utility bill savings

Estimated annual energy savings

- 970 kWh

Benefits

- Reduced energy usage
- Lower monthly utility costs
- Improved equipment lifetime

For four years, the Newbergundian Bistro has been sharing great local food with the Willamette Valley. The Bistro's owners, Noelle and Sean McKee, first got into the food service business because of their love of agriculture and viticulture, leading them to view sustainability differently. They consider sustainability in everything they do including supporting local farmers and vendors, promoting sustainably raised crops and livestock and seeking ways to make the Bistro as energy efficient as possible.

So, it was an easy call to take advantage of Energy Trust of Oregon's cash incentives for energy-efficiency upgrades when they decided to buy a second oven for their bustling restaurant. The McKees received a \$500 cash incentive from Energy Trust to help reduce their out-of-pocket cost.

Between the baking, the roasting and the 100 to 200 meals the restaurant serves daily, the oven "door opens and closes honestly, five, six or 700 times a day," said co-owner Sean McKee.

Despite all that activity, the Newbergundian's energy bills haven't gone up. While other costs have increased during a year of notable inflation, the restaurant's energy costs have stayed about where they were last year, which Noelle called "a welcome development."

Noelle McKee said that Energy Trust "couldn't have made it any easier" to get the oven and the cash incentive. After applying, Noelle and Sean were able to choose the equipment model and pickup location. When they got to the Southeast Portland store the incentive forms were already prepared and "the follow-up and turnaround were quick and simple" Noelle said.



We're just grateful that this program exists, and we hope that additional people can take advantage of it in the future



Noelle McKee, co-owner,
Newbergundian Bistro



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