

July 2016 Newsletter

Please Drive Carefully in PUD Work Zones

When driving in work zones, please slow down, obey flaggers, and stay alert to keep you & our workers safe.



Sign Up for Auto Pay and Take the Worry Out of Paying Your PUD Bill

Have you ever had to double check to make sure you paid your PUD bill?

Our Auto Pay program can take care of that for you. Auto Pay pays your bill through an automatic checking or savings account deduction. The amount due will be deducted from your account just before the bill's due date each month.

Auto Pay is easy to set up, and even if you're on vacation or ill, you'll never have to worry about paying your bill again. To sign up, call Customer Accounts at (503) 397-0590 or sign up online at www.crpud.net/autopay.

Save Money While Staying Cool With a Ductless System This Summer



Ductless heating and cooling systems provide year-round comfort and save you up to 50% on your electric heating bill. With rebate offers of \$800 or \$1,000 from Columbia River PUD, installing a ductless heat pump has never been this easy and affordable.

Ductless systems come standard with air conditioning, offering you an efficient, effective cooling solution for the upcoming summer months.

Get started now by visiting www.crpud.net/ductless.

A Heat Pump Water Heater Can Cut Your Water Heating Costs In Half

Is it time to leave your outdated electric water heater in the past? Upgrade to an energy efficient heat pump water heater and you could save up to 50% on your water heating costs.

Heat pump water heaters work like a refrigerator, but in reverse. While a refrigerator pushes heat from inside the unit to the air around it, a heat pump water heater uses fans and an evaporator to pull warmth from the surrounding air and transfer it to the water in the storage tank. Heat pump water heaters are up to twice as efficient as standard electric water heaters.

With limited time special pricing on select GE models, PUD rebates, and state tax credits, a new heat pump water heater could be almost free.

Call our Energy Experts at **(503) 366-5470** or visit us online at www.crpud.net/hpwh to learn more about heat pump water heaters.





PUD GLOW team members Heidi Ralls, Darin Smith and Donna Williams show off the quilt donated by the Columbia River Piecemakers Quilting Guild that is being raffled this year.

Quilt Raffle Benefits GLOW Program

Would you like to win a beautiful handmade quilt? The Columbia River Piecemakers Quilting Guild is raffling off a beautiful, 96" by 96" quilt. The proceeds will benefit the PUD's GLOW fund, which provides emergency bill payment assistance to limited-income PUD customers facing disconnection of their electric service.

Raffle tickets are available at our office. They cost \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at the PUD's Customer Appreciation Dinner at the Fairgrounds in October.

Sign Up for Paperless Billing Today

If you prefer not to receive a paper copy of your bill each month, you can see it on our Account Online website instead. We'll send you an email notification each month when your bill is ready. Then, you can log in to Account Online to view or pay it. To sign up, call Customer Accounts at (503) 397-0590 or sign up online at www.crpud.net/paperless.

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Use Water Wisely to Cut Energy Waste

Water heating can account for up to 20% of your energy bill. You can lower your water heating costs and conserve water by following these simple tips from our Energy Experts:

- **Install faucet aerators and energy-saving showerheads.** These reduce water use and energy waste. If you don't have an energy-saving shower head, we're happy to give you one. Just stop by the PUD office.
- **Take more showers than baths.** By switching from baths to shorter showers, you can save up to 15 gallons of hot water every time you bathe.
- **Use cold water to wash laundry.** Today's detergents work well in cold water. Line dry your clothes for maximum energy savings.
- **Use your dishwasher.** If you only run full loads, dishwashers use less water than hand washing. Use the air dry or "energy saver" mode.
- **If you're gone, turn off your water heater.** If you'll be away from home for a month or more, turn off your water heater at the breaker.



For more tips on saving energy, visit www.crpud.net/tips.