

May 2016 Newsletter

Refrigerator, Freezer Rebates Ending

Act now to take advantage of our rebates for ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators - the rebate program is ending soon. We will pay rebates for qualifying appliances



purchased on or before June 30, 2016. To learn more about the rebates that we offer, visit www.crpud.net/rebates or contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org.

Ductless Heat Pump Rebate Changing

Would you like to add summer air conditioning and save \$1,200? You can, but only if you act quickly. Our rebate amount for ductless heat pumps installed in single-family, site-built homes with forced air electric furnaces is changing. The rebate amount is currently \$1,200 and will change to \$1,000 for systems installed after June 30, 2016.

To learn more about the benefits of ductless heating and cooling systems, visit www.crpud.net/ductless or contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org.

Make Your Summer Cooling Plans Now: Hot Weather is Just Around the Corner...

When the temperature soars, it can be difficult to find relief from the heat. If laying on an ice block is not your favorite plan, a heat pump or a ductless heat pump might be a great option for you. These systems offer summer cooling and lower winter heating bills in one convenient package.



We offer rebates of up to \$1,200 for qualifying air-source heat pump systems and ductless heat pump systems. Tax credits and low-interest loans are available to make these systems even more affordable. To learn more, visit www.crpud.net/heating-systems or contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org. We can help you determine which type of system is the best fit for your home and give you a list of local contractors who install heating and cooling systems.

Are Home Improvements on Your Summer Calendar? Take Advantage of our Home Energy Efficiency Incentives

Adding insulation, replacing your windows, and upgrading your heating system can lower your winter bills and make hot summer days more comfortable. We offer rebates for these and other home energy upgrades:

- ENERGY STAR® Appliances
- Attic Insulation
- Window Replacement
- Heat Pump Water Heaters
- Ductless Heat Pump Systems
- Duct Sealing
- Heat Pumps
- ENERGY STAR New Homes
- ENERGY STAR Manufactured Homes

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Enter Our Calendar Photo Contest

You are invited to enter the 2017 PUD calendar photo contest. The calendar features scenic photographs that are taken in Columbia County, and anyone may enter the contest. Entry forms and contest details are available online at www.crpud.net/calendar.

Electrical Safety Tips When Outdoors

- Be aware of power lines. Always assume they are live & dangerous.
- Never touch outdoor wires.
- Fly kites and model airplanes in fields, parks or large open spaces, away from trees and power lines.
- Don't try to retrieve anything from power lines or electrical equipment.
- Don't climb trees near power lines.
- Keep electrical toys, appliances and tools at least 10 feet from pools, puddles or other wet surfaces.
- Never climb a utility pole or play on or around electrical equipment. Don't ever go into a PUD substation for any reason.
- Never attempt to rescue people or pets who have come into contact with electrical equipment. Call 9-1-1 immediately.
- See more electrical safety tips at www.crpud.net/safety.



Electrical Safety Around The Home

Electricity can cause serious injury or death. Knowing what to do and what not to do around electricity can save lives - even yours. Here are a few simple precautions that can help you stay safe around electricity:

Don't Overload Circuits. Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of home electrical fires. To prevent them, never use extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliances, and only plug one heat-producing appliance into a receptacle at a time.

Let Us Trim Trees. Tree limbs, tools, and ladders touching power lines can electrocute you. Before you prune, trim, or cut down trees near overhead electrical lines, call us at (503) 397-1844.

Stay Dry. Keep electrical equipment away from pools, spas, and wet surfaces. Don't touch any electrical appliance or tools if you are wet or touching water.

Look Up. When carrying ladders or working on your roof, look around to make sure you stay at least 20 feet away from overhead power lines.

Use the Right Cord. Only use grounded, three-pronged heavy duty extension cords for outdoor projects. Replace cords with damaged insulation.

For more tips, visit www.esfi.org.



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