

August 2016 Newsletter

Call Ahead Before Adding Electric Load

Are you planning to add a shop, a lighted greenhouse, a heat pump, or other electrical equipment to your home or business? Please call us first.

Adding electric load without notifying us first can affect the reliability and safety of the electricity distribution system serving you and your neighbors. When you add load to an existing electric service, you risk overloading our distribution equipment. This can damage our equipment and cause outages or power quality problems for you and your neighbors.

If you add load without contacting us first, you are responsible for any and all damages, costs of crew repair time, and clean-up costs.

Please contact our Engineering Department at (503) 397-0760 or engineering@crpud.org if you are planning to increase your electric load. We'll complete a load calculation to ensure the equipment that serves you is sized properly for whatever you need.



Use These Tips to Save Energy and Stay Cool This Summer

There are a number of free and low-cost ways to keep cool and save energy. Follow these tips to stay comfortable while keeping your home energy costs to a minimum this summer:

- Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Wear lightweight, loose fitting clothing
- Drink plenty of cold liquids
- Keep windows, doors, blinds and curtains closed in the daytime
- Open windows and doors in the early morning and evening
- Dry laundry on a clothesline
- Run your dishwasher at night
- Use fans instead of A/C



Find additional tips at www.crpud.net/staycool.

My Fair Lady Queen is Crowned



Congratulations to 2016 My Fair Lady Queen Claudia Oblack of Vernonia, and princesses Lilibell Welter of Rainier, Linda Kissinger of Clatskanie, Shirley Walker of St. Helens, and Judy Thompson of Scappoose.

These women were honored for their outstanding volunteer work in the county during the My Fair Lady Pageant at the Columbia County Fair. This was the 28th year the PUD has sponsored this wonderful event.



Photo by Josh Riggs

Enter the 2017 Calendar Photo Contest

We are now accepting entries for the 2017 calendar photo contest.

Anyone may enter the contest, but we may give preference to photos taken by PUD customers. Photos should depict the scenic beauty of our county. Individuals may submit up to 10 photos.

How to enter

Entry forms are available online at www.crpud.net/calendar and in our Deer Island office. Photographs must be submitted to us by September 9th. Finalists will be posted in our lobby and on our website in October for customers to pick the winning shots.

Get a Free Energy Evaluation Today

Our Energy Experts will conduct a free in-home energy evaluation to identify energy savings opportunities for electrically heated homes. You must be present for the evaluation, which takes about 90 minutes to complete. To make an appointment, contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org.



Loans Are Available for Energy Upgrades

Is this the year you're getting around to some of those home improvement projects? If you plan on upgrading your home's energy efficiency, heating systems, or purchasing new appliances, there could be help for you. Two local credit unions offer loans for PUD customers taking on such projects.

St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union offers special rates and terms to members as a personal loan to weatherize, update heating or cooling systems, or buy energy-efficient appliances. Visit www.shcu.org to learn more, or call (800) 275-6434.

Wauna Credit Union offers weatherization and Energy Smart loans to members. These loans are offered as personal loans or as Home Improvement and Equity loans. Visit www.waunafcu.org to learn more, or call (800) 773-3236.

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