

December 2017 Newsletter

## Plan Ahead for People on Life Support

If someone in your home is on life support or has other special needs, you will need



to have a plan for storms, outages, or other emergencies. If you lose power, call us at **(503) 397-1844**. In a true emergency, always call **9-1-1**.

Visit [crpud.net/lifesupport](http://crpud.net/lifesupport) to see how to create a plan.

Contact The Public Health Foundation of Columbia County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Anne Parrott at [aparrott@tphfcc.org](mailto:aparrott@tphfcc.org) or **(503) 397-4651** to learn more.

## New office hours *to serve you better*

Our office hours will change on **January 2, 2018**.

### NEW HOURS:

Monday - Thursday:  
**7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
Friday: Closed

Learn more at [crpud.net/hours](http://crpud.net/hours).



*Serviceman Chuck Long hangs Christmas decorations in St. Helens.*

## Happy Holidays from Your PUD

**The Columbia River PUD Board of Directors and staff would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!**

We hope you have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Our office will be closed on December 25 and January 1 to observe Christmas and New Year's Day. If your power goes out, please call our 24-hour outage & emergency line, **(503) 397-1844**.

## Energy Assistance is Now Available

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications are available in our office and at Community Action Team (CAT) in St. Helens.** To request a packet, call CAT at **(503) 397-3511**.

Customers can also apply for assistance from our GLOW Fund. To learn more about GLOW, call us at **(503) 397-0590** or visit [crpud.net/glow](http://crpud.net/glow).





## Treat Yourself to Lower Monthly Bills with a Heat Pump Water Heater

**Upgrade to a heat pump water heater and you can cut your water heating costs by up to 60%.** Heat pump water heaters can be more than twice as efficient as standard water heaters, which can save you money on your monthly power bill.

We offer rebates on qualifying heat pump water heaters. Rebates are \$300 for Tier 1 models, and \$500 for the quieter, more efficient Tier 2 and Tier 3 models.

Contact our Energy Experts at **(503) 366-5470** or [experts@crpud.org](mailto:experts@crpud.org) to learn how to save.

## Save Money by Switching to LEDs

**If all Americans swapped out one incandescent light bulb for an ENERGY STAR®-labeled LED bulb, we would save \$8 billion in energy costs.**

You could save up to \$6 per year for every LED you install in place of an incandescent bulb. LEDs use 1/6 of the energy to produce the same amount of light as an incandescent bulb.

LEDs are long-lasting, meaning you won't have to change them as frequently.

Learn more about the benefits of LEDs at [crpud.net/led](http://crpud.net/led).



## PUD Pays 2017-18 Property Taxes

**The PUD paid \$502,013 in property taxes to Columbia and Multnomah Counties for the 2017-18 tax year.**

That's based on a total assessed property value of \$39.7 million.

Our 2017-18 property taxes will be divided as follows:

- Schools \$241,675
- Fire Districts \$104,495
- County \$60,542
- Cities \$25,505
- 9-1-1 Comm \$20,116
- Other \$49,680

\$495,352 went to Columbia County; the remaining \$6,661 was paid to Multnomah County.

The majority of our service area is in Columbia County. We serve about 350 customers in northern Multnomah County, near Scappoose.

We are among the largest property tax payers in Columbia County.

## Upgrade Your Home with an Efficiency Loan

**Would you like lower energy bills?** If you've thought about upgrading your heating system, insulation, or windows, consider an energy efficiency loan from a local credit union.



Loans are available for weatherization, energy-efficient appliances, and more. Find details at [crpud.net/loans](http://crpud.net/loans).

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