

# KPUD Offers Low- and No-Cost Ways To Protect the Environment and Save

Klickitat PUD (KPUD) is celebrating Public Power Week, October 7 to 13, with more than 2,000 other community-owned electric utilities that collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 44 million American consumers.

We invite our customers to join in the celebration by attending our **Open House on Friday, October 12**, at the Goldendale and White Salmon offices. Stop by for free refreshments and logo items!

As part of Public Power Week, Klickitat PUD reminds customers of low- and no-cost opportunities to protect the environment and save on utility expenses by being energy efficient:

- Check your furnace or air conditioner filter each month, and clean or replace it, as needed.

- Use glass fireplace doors to stop heat from being lost up your chimney.

- Keep the lids on pots while cooking or use your microwave instead.

- Only heat or cool the rooms you need by closing vents and doors of unused rooms.

- Look for the Energy Star® label when buying new products such as televisions, refrigerators and even cell phones.

More tips are available at the Alliance to Save Energy's Web site: [www.ASE.org](http://www.ASE.org).

Whether you are trying to save money on your monthly electric bill or doing your part to protect the environment, there are many good reasons to be energy efficient. ■



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**Public Power Week  
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## Generator Safety is a Must

Generators can pose serious safety hazards when used improperly.

The National Electrical Safety Code prohibits anyone from connecting a portable generator to household wiring or any other source leading to KPUD's power lines. In doing so the generator's electrical energy, through your panel, meter and service wire, could back-feed to the transformer and generate up to 7,200 volts in the power lines.

This could result in deadly consequences for our KPUD linemen.

A permanently installed generator requires installation of a control panel and transfer switch to isolate the generator from the PUD's power supply.



Always check and follow state, local, and national fire and electric codes.

It is safest to have a licensed elec-

trician install the switching system.

Call KPUD when installation is complete to let us know about your back-up system.

Remember: YOU are responsible for any injuries or damages to your property, your neighbors' property, or PUD equipment or personnel for an improperly installed or operated generator.

And don't forget, never run a generator indoors, because it emits poisonous fumes. ■



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