

Are Home Improvements On Your To-Do List This Summer?

Now's the time to add energy-saving measures to your home. Clothes washers, insulation, windows, duct sealing, heat pumps and solar projects may qualify for a rebate through Klickitat PUD. We also have rebates for commercial lighting retrofits.

Klickitat PUD offers rebates on insulation for existing homes that are heated electrically.

For example, did you know that if you increase the R-value in your attic from an R-19 to an R-38 you could save 1,350 kilowatt-hours (kWh) a year on a 1,500-square-foot home? Adding insulation to your walls and floors could mean a savings of more than 4,000 kWh a year.

How are your windows?

Did you feel a draft this winter or did the windows have noticeable condensation? If so, your windows may need replacement. Consider installing Energy Star windows with a U-factor of 0.30 or lower and receive a rebate.

Other leaks in the home may be sealed easily. Some common spaces to look for leaks may be:

- Behind kneewalls
- Attic hatch
- Wiring holes
- Plumbing vents and areas that come from under the house into the house.
- Open soffit (the box that hides recessed lights)
- Basement rim joists (where the foundation meets the wood framing)
- Windows and doors

Stop by one of our PUD offices for a brochure on sealing, or ask us



to mail you one.

Duct sealing is another way to make sure all of the heating and cooling you are paying for makes it into your home. Imagine the wasted kilowatts as dollars spill out of disconnected or duct work full of holes. If you seal them under KPUD's rebate program by a performance tested comfort systems (PTCS) approved contractor, we would send you a rebate up to \$300, if sealing is required.

Still heating with wall heaters, baseboard or just the electric furnace? Do you want to upgrade to a more efficient means of heating or replace an old existing heat pump? KPUD offers an \$800 rebate for qualifying heat pumps installed and tested under our Conservation Rate Credit (CRC) program

specifications.

Want to go green and offset your electric utility costs? Inquire about solar rebates and net metering.

Purchasing an Energy Star clothes washer? As long as you heat your water with an electric water heater you could receive a rebate of \$60 or \$70, depending on the modified energy factor (MEF) rating of the washer.

So many projects, too little money? Klickitat PUD continues to offer low 4.9-percent interest rate loans on qualifying measures. For

program specifications, call Sharon in our Energy Services department at (800)

548-5357 ext. 622 or (509)

773-7622 for details on

the loan program before you start your project. ■

