

State Requires An Electrical Permit

Are you a do-it-yourselfer? Don't forget the electrical permit.

According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, about 18,200 home fires are caused by electrical wiring each year, resulting in about 120 deaths, 520 injuries and \$450 million in property damage.

Here are some steps to take to protect your family and property.

- An electrical permit is required. Washington state electrical safety laws require a permit and inspection for ALL new and additional electrical work. An electrical permit and professional inspection assures that your electrical work meets current safety code.

- Do electrical work only if you are qualified. If you do not have a good understanding of electrical wiring and are not qualified, hire a licensed electrical contractor.

- If you do your own electrical work, you must buy the permit and call for an inspection.

- If you hire a licensed electrical contractor, your contractor must buy the permit and will get the inspection.

- Never overload outlets, extension cords or electrical circuits. If your circuit breaker trips, it is either overloaded or a circuit has malfunctioned and should be inspected by a qualified person.

- Keep your permit and inspection approval in a safe place for future reference. You may need it when trying to sell or refinance your home or to get insurance.

Remember: The surest way to safeguard your home is with an electrical permit and inspection. Lives depend on it!

For more information, to purchase an electrical permit or request an electrical inspection, go to www.ElectricalProgram.Lni.wa.gov or call the state Department of Labor and Industries:

- Vancouver: (360) 896-2300
- Kennewick: (509) 735-0100
- Yakima: (509) 454-3700

Know How to Read Your Meter

If you are a rural Klickitat PUD customer you have an important job: reading your electric meter each month.

About 40 percent of our customers live outside cities and towns. KPUD asks them to read their meters to help keep costs down.

To send you an accurate bill each month, KPUD needs an accurate meter reading. If we don't get an accurate reading each month, our computer has to guess the customer's electricity use and send an estimated bill.

That is not good for the customer or KPUD.

If you have a digital meter, read the numbers as you would the odometer in your car.

Older meters have dials and are a little more complicated:

First, read the dials from right

to left and write the numbers down in the same order.

If the pointer is directly on a number, read the next smallest number, unless the pointer on the dial to the right has passed zero.

For some meters, a multiplier is used to convert the meter reading to actual use. Note your meter multiplier when you return your meter reading, if applicable.

Be sure to read your meter every month. Record the reading on your bill stub and mail it with your payment each month.

You can phone the reading in 24 hours a day by calling Lori in Goldendale at 773-7618 or Wanita in White Salmon at 493-9552.

You can send your reading electronically by filling out the form at:

www.klickitad.com/Forms/meterform.asp.



June Events Calendar

- 6—Professional Bull Riding event and barbecue, 2 p.m., Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 6—Pancake breakfast, Lyle Lyons Community Center
- 6—Brooks Memorial State Park: Breakfast With the Birds
- 12-13—Pioneer Picnic and Rodeo, Cleaveland
- 13-14—Seventh Annual 13-Plus Miles of Yard Sales, Klickitat County
- 18—Family Fun Night, Goldendale Swimming Pool
- 20—Maryhill Museum Family Fun Day
- 20-21—Ketchum Kalf Rodeo, Glenwood
- 21—Father's Day
- 21—Music In The Park, The Dalles City Park. Concerts every two weeks through August 30.
- 27—Brews Blues and Barbecue noon to 10 p.m., Teo Park, Stevenson, www.cityofstevenson.com
- 27—Trout Lake Saturday Market grand opening
- 27-28—Goldendale Energy Expo, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 27-29—Sternwheeler Days, Cascade Locks