



Left, Journeyman Servicemen Bernie Predeek, left, and Bob Fitzsimmons mark KPUD underground power lines for customers who have an excavation or digging project. Right, Rod Kiser, Greg Watson and Tim McMurrin mark water and sewer lines in communities served by KPUD.

Call 48 Hours Before You Dig

“Call Before You Dig!” is a free service that can prevent dangerous and costly accidents to help you stay clear of underground utilities.

Klickitat PUD customers are encouraged to use this service whether they are planning a major construction project or just landscaping their yard.



Dan Charters

Call the Northwest Utility Notification Center at (800) 424-5555 at least 48 hours before digging or excavating. Professional excavators can go to www.callbeforeyoudig.org and enter their locate requests online.

The Utility Notification Center will contact all of the appropriate utilities

in Klickitat County for you, including KPUD.

All utility representatives will respond and mark the locations of your underground utilities.

At KPUD, these representatives are Servicemen Bob Fitzsimmons and Bernie Predeek, and Customer Service Field Representative Dan Charters.

They respond to the requests from the notification center and mark any underground power lines, cables or conduits, and lighting cables in red.

If you live in a community where Klickitat PUD provides your water or wastewater service, a water/wastewater crew member will respond and mark the applicable locations as well. Water is marked in blue; sewer and drain lines are marked in green.

This will eliminate digging equipment

from hitting or cutting off power, water, phone, cable or gas lines. Accidental contact with any of these lines can result in serious injury.

The Utility Notification Center is dedicated to safeguarding citizens and construction personnel who work around utilities, as well as safeguarding the underground infrastructure of your community.

Calling before beginning any excavation prevents damage to underground facilities, service interruptions and possible injury.

The center is open 24 hours a day. When calling, be prepared to give the following information: your phone number, type of work you will be doing, start date, county, city, job location, nearest cross street and special marking instructions if required. ■

May is National Electrical Safety Month

Klickitat PUD will celebrate Safe Drinking Water Week and National Electrical Safety month during May 2010.

Customers are encouraged to visit KPUD offices in Goldendale and White Salmon during Open House on Friday, May 14, for free refreshments and KPUD logo items.

As part of celebrating electrical safety month, we would like to remind our customers to inspect their homes to make sure they are free of electrical accidents waiting to happen.

The key to preventing potentially fatal accidents is awareness.

- ▶ Plugs should fit fully and securely into outlets, but should not be forced.
- ▶ Make sure safety covers are on all unused outlets to protect children.
- ▶ If an outlet or switch wall plate is hot or discolored by heat, shut off the circuit and have it professionally checked.
- ▶ Have additional outlets installed where you need them instead of relying on extension cords and power strips.