

## KPUD Has Payment Options

Klickitat PUD offers to its customers a variety of options for paying monthly bills.

In addition to the usual method of check or cash, KPUD accepts drafts from bank accounts and debit or credit cards. Customers also have the option of paying online or calling and paying over the phone with their debit or credit card. However, we do not accept the “check by phone” payment method.

**Drafts:** KPUD can deduct monthly bill payments directly from a customer’s checking or savings account, or from their debit or credit cards. This relieves customers of worrying about due dates, writing checks or finding a stamp. Instead, a draft automatically takes care of paying the bill.

In choosing this option, customers will receive a monthly statement—ahead of withdrawal—that shows the date of and amount of the draft. Remember, if you use this option with your credit or debit card, it is important to inform KPUD when the expiration date changes on your card.

**Online:** Payments can be made online at [www.klickitatpud.com](http://www.klickitatpud.com). Choose “Pay Bill” from the left-hand column.

To log in, you will need your account number. Your pin number may be the last four digits of your account number and the first letter of your last name. If that doesn’t work, you can register as a first-time user with your account number and your meter number, or a current phone number.

The online program accepts credit or debit cards. Going online allows you to view your last 12 statements, graphs of your kilowatt-hour use and recaps of your payments. You also can request minor changes to your account.

If you are a rural customer who reads your own meter, click on “Your Account Maintenance,” then “Submit Meter Reading.” Enter your read in the box provided. Choose calculate to confirm the reading/usage. You then must either save the reading or save the reading and pay the bill.

Thank you for using our online services. If you have any questions or concerns we are here to help.

Call KPUD Customer Service for more information at (509) 773-5891 or toll free at (800) 548-8357. ■

## Blood Drive Helps American Red Cross

Klickitat PUD recently helped sponsor the Goldendale Community Blood Drive on May 18.

Sixty-six pints of blood were collected. Up to three people can receive help for each pint of blood.

The American Red Cross sends its sincere “thank you” for each of the individuals who will be able to have surgery, survive a serious accident or extend their lives because of the blood that was collected.

The next blood drive will be Thursday, July 21, at Grace Brethren Church in Goldendale.

If you would like to sign up to donate blood, call Klickitat PUD at (509) 773-5891 to schedule an appointment. ■

## Check Your GFCI Outlets

*Interrupt flow of current and guard against electric shock*

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than two-thirds of electrocution deaths could be prevented with the use of ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

Here are some electrical safety tips to consider:

- GFCI outlets—which are more sensitive to current fluctuations than a fuse or circuit breaker—should be installed anywhere an appliance might come in contact with water.
- Underwriters Laboratories suggests testing GFCIs monthly to make sure they are working properly. Push the “reset”

button on the GFCI. Plug a light with an on/off switch into the receptacle. Turn the item on. Push the test button. The light should go off. Push the reset button again. The light should go on. If the light remains on when the test button is pushed, the GFCI is not working properly. You should call an electrician to rewire or replace the GFCI.

- When using outdoor tools and appliances, use only extension cords labeled for outdoor use.
- Use extension cords only when necessary and only on a temporary basis.
- Use polarized extension cords



with polarized appliances.

- Insert plugs fully, so no parts of the prongs are exposed when the extension cord is in use.
- Replace cracked or worn extension cords with new 16-gauge cords that show the listing of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, and have safety closures and other safety features. ■