

Be Prepared for Power Outages

Power outages are inconvenient and unpleasant, but planning ahead can help make the best of a bad situation.

To better cope in the cold and darkness, make sure your home is equipped with a power outage kit. It should include:

- **Candles and matches.** Use candles on a flat, stable, non-flammable surface.
- **A battery-powered radio.**
- **Easily accessible emergency phone numbers** for your utility, doctor, fire and police.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January

- 8**—KPUD Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 9-13**—Portland Boat Show, Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Portland Expo Center
- 11**—Dancing with the Gorge Stars, 7 to 9 p.m., The Dalles High School
- 12**—Second Saturday Contra Dance, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rockford Grange, Hood River
- 12**—Second Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, Hood River
- 13**—Bridal Expo & Fashion Show, 12 to 4 p.m., TRAC, Pasco
- 16-20**—Rose City Classic Dog Show, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Portland Expo Center
- 17**—Rodney Carrington Live, 7 to 9 p.m., Toyota Center, Kennewick
- 19**—Professional Bull Riders: Velocity Tour, 7 p.m., Portland Moda Center
- 22**—KPUD Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 24-27**—Portland International Auto Show, Friday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Oregon Convention Center
- 25-27**—International Cat Show, Friday 3 to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Portland Expo Center
- 26**—Maxwell Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Columbia Basin College Performing Arts Theatre, Pasco
- 26**—Three Rivers Contra Dance, 7 to 9 p.m., Trinity Church, Richland
- 26**—Northwest Coffee Beer Invitational, 12 to 7 p.m., Goose Hollow Inn, Portland
- 26-27**—Great Train Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Portland Expo Center
- 27**—Mid-Columbia Symphony, 3 to 5 p.m., Richland High School Auditorium
- 30**—STOMP, 7 p.m., Toyota Center, Kennewick

- **A telephone connected directly to the phone jack.** Cordless phones and phones with answering machines rely on electricity to operate.
- **A first-aid kit and prescription medications.** If the outage is caused by bad weather, road travel may not be possible for several days.
- **Extra blankets, sleeping bags and warm clothes.** If you are without heat, close off one room to live in and wear extra layers of clothes.
- **Clean drinking water.** Have at least 1 gallon of fresh water available for each person per day.
- **A manual can opener and non-perishable food.** A camp stove and fuel may be handy, but use it outdoors.

- **A cooler for storing frequently used foods.** Food will keep several hours in a closed, full refrigerator, and up to two days in a closed, full freezer. It will spoil more quickly if the door is opened.
- **Firewood,** if you have a fireplace or wood stove.

If you lose power, report the outage to Klickitat PUD at 800-548-8357. Please be patient when calling. Many people can be affected by an outage and phone lines might be busy.

Additionally, keep up to date on outage information by visiting Klickitat PUD's website at www.klickitatpud.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/klickitatpud. ■

Our Meter Readers Need Your Help

No one likes to receive an incorrect bill. To make sure Klickitat PUD meter readers can obtain accurate readings of your electric and/or water meters for billing purposes, we need your help in keeping the area near meters free of debris.

Here are some simple tips to help maintain access to your meters.

- Keep the area around the meters—as well as the pathway to the meter—trimmed or mowed.
- If it snows, shovel a pathway to the meter and around the meter.
- Keep pets away from the meter area and pathway.
- Do not park vehicles on top of your water meter or store materials around your water or electric meter.
- Provide us with a key if you have a locked gate.
- Make sure your address is visible for easy location of your home.

Remember, if you can't get to your meters, neither can we!

If you are a rural self-read customer, make sure to submit monthly meter reads to avoid big surprises.

For more information on how you can help KPUD meter readers, call the Goldendale office at 509-773-5891 or 800-548-8357, or the White Salmon office at 509-493-2255 or 800-548-8358. ■

