

Summertime Home Improvements

Get your home ready for the heat with an energy audit and a little DIY attitude

Now is the time to add energy-saving measures to your home.

Clothes washers, insulation, windows, duct sealing, heat pumps, ductless 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.

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

How are your windows?

Did you feel a draft this winter? 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.



Inspect insulation levels in your home to see if you should add more. Many people think insulation is just for keeping your home warm in winter, but it also keeps heat out in summer while keeping cold air inside.

Imagine the wasted kilowatts as dollars spilling out of disconnected ducts or ductwork full of holes. If you seal them under KPUD's rebate program using a performance-tested comfort systems approved contractor, we will send you a rebate up to \$250. That assumes sealing is required.

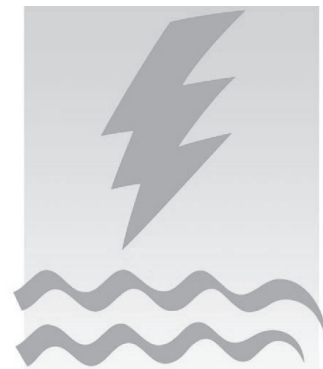
Heating with wall heaters, baseboard or an electric furnace? Do you want to upgrade to a more efficient means of heating or replace an old existing heat pump?

KPUD offers rebates for qualifying heat pumps installed and tested under our Energy Efficiency Incentive program specifications.

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

So many projects, too little money? Klickitat PUD continues to offer low

4.9-percent interest rate loans on qualifying measures. Call 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. ■



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