

KPUD Celebrates Public Power Week

Klickitat PUD celebrates Public Power Week October 4-10, along with more than 2,000 other community-owned electric utilities.

Together, they are referred to as the public power system. Collectively, they provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 49 million Americans.

During Public Power Week, we celebrate the reliable, affordable electricity Klickitat PUD provides throughout the county.

First celebrated in 1986, Public Power Week is a national, annual event sponsored in conjunction with the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C.

Even though we are not able to hold our annual open house, Klickitat PUD invites community members to celebrate all the great things public power provides.

Information is available on KPUD's website regarding the utility's Operation Warm Heart program. Customers can also connect with Energy Services Specialist Anita Clever regarding residential rebate, solar and net metering programs by calling 800-548-8357 ext. 622 or 509-773-7622.

Klickitat PUD has provided Klickitat County residents with public power for more than 80 years.

Approximately 11,113 residential, 2,013 commercial and three large industrial customers make up our customer base. Our service territory includes 1,344 miles of overhead distribution, 337 miles of underground distribution line, 206 miles of transmission line and ownership of 23 substations.

Klickitat PUD is proud to provide public power to all the

communities in Klickitat County.

With an increased amount of teleworking and time spent at home while social distancing, KPUD offers a few tips on how to save energy and money in your home, while caring for the environment and keeping everyone safe:

- Plug energy leaks with weatherstripping and caulking, and be sure your house is properly insulated to save on heating/cooling bills and make your home more comfortable.
- Clean or change filters regularly. A dirty furnace or air conditioning filter will slow airflow and make the system work harder to keep you warm or cool.
- Install a programmable thermostat to save up to 10% on cooling and heating costs.
- Wash clothes in cold water. Heating the water in a washer uses 90% of the energy used to wash clothes.
- To save energy at home, replace incandescent bulbs with energy-saving lights. LED lights use up to 90% less energy than incandescent bulbs and last up to 25 times longer.
- Turn off all lights, appliances and electronics not in use. Better still, use a power strip and turn off devices and lights that are not in use to cut standby power.
- Conserve energy by turning off and unplugging all electrical devices not in use.

Klickitat PUD appreciates your trust in us. We hope you will join us in celebrating Public Power Week. ■



October 4-10 is Public Power Week... and we have reason to celebrate!



Like more than 2,000 utilities across the country, we are powered by a community-owned, not-for-profit public power utility. During Public Power Week, we celebrate the benefits of living in a public power community, including:

- Low rates
- High reliability
- Customer responsiveness
- Community focus
- Economic development
- Local control