



Power Lines

Green Dams, Blue Skies

Hydroelectricity helps reduce our carbon footprint

You can't pick up the newspaper or turn on the TV these days without hearing about how burning fossil fuels to generate electricity impacts our climate.

As a PUD customer, the majority of the electricity you buy doesn't come from fossil fuels. We're fortunate to have a local, renewable and non-polluting resource to rely on - hydropower.



Hydroelectric dams generate 85% of the electricity used by PUD customers.

In 2006, 85% of the electricity the PUD purchased was generated by hydroelectric dams. Another 10% came from nuclear power and 0.5% came from wind energy. Only 4.5% was generated by coal and natural gas-fired plants - the types of power plants that add carbon dioxide to the atmosphere.

While you can feel good about the fact that the electricity you use comes from renewable resources, there is much more you can do to help fight global warming. Using less electricity and supporting the development of more renewable energy resources are two great alternatives.

We can help. Our Energy Experts have many programs and services to help you use energy wisely. Find out more by visiting www.crpud.net or calling (503) 366-5470.

Through our Choice Energy Program, you can buy all or some of the energy you use from wind farms in Eastern Oregon. Use the form below to sign up for wind power.

No Power?

1. Check your breaker box or fuse panel for tripped breakers or blown fuses.
2. Call our Outage Hotline to report the outage: **(503) 397-1844**
3. Turn off all electric heaters, water heaters and cooking equipment at the breaker or fuse panel. When power is restored, you can turn these back on one at a time, in 15-minute intervals.
4. Unplug sensitive electronic equipment such as computers, TVs & stereos to prevent damage from voltage surges or spikes when power is restored.

If someone in your home is on life support...

If you or someone in your home is on life support, you should have a backup plan in the event of an outage or other emergency.

During an outage, it is important that you call our office at (503) 397-1844 to let us know that your power is off. We will provide you with as much information as we have about the outage so that you can decide whether to stay home or relocate the patient.

You may also call us back for updates during the outage.



24 Hour Outage & Emergency Hot Line: (503) 397-1844 • Email: info@crpud.org
 Website: www.crpud.net • Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday



Buy Wind Power!

Did you know you can buy wind power from us, for as little as \$2 more a month?

Through the PUD's Choice Energy program, you can sign up for 100 kilowatt-hour "blocks" of wind power for \$2 each per month, or buy all wind power for an additional 1.5¢ per kilowatt-hour per month.

Choice Energy wind power comes from three wind farms in Eastern Oregon. When you sign up for Choice Energy, you encourage development of additional wind power farms and other renewable energy resources.

To sign up, call Customer Accounts at (503) 397-0590, fill out the form on the back of this coupon, email custsvc@crpud.org, or visit www.crpud.net.



Weatherize your home to save energy, live comfortably

Winter weather brings out the worst in a home's energy habits. In a poorly weatherized home, cold and windy days can cause uncomfortable drafts and higher energy bills. Weatherizing your home can help.

Projects like adding insulation, upgrading windows and sealing duct work can increase your comfort, lower energy bills and improve the value of your home.

To find out what improvements you can make, you need a home energy evaluation. Here's who to call:

Electric Heat: Our Energy Experts offer free in-home and online energy use evaluations. Call (503) 366-5470 or visit www.crpud.net.

Gas Heat: The Energy Trust of Oregon offers free in-home and online energy use evaluations. Call (866) 368-7878 or visit www.energytrust.org.

Other Heating Fuels: Contact the Oregon Department of Energy about the SHOW program. Call (800) 221-8035 or visit www.oregon.gov/energy.

Holiday Safety Tips

- Don't use electrical decorations with cracked or frayed sockets, bare wires or loose connections.
- Don't staple or nail through light strings or extension cords.
- Don't overload extension cords or allow them to run through water or snow on the ground.
- Before using an electrical product outdoors, make sure it is UL approved and marked for outdoor use.
- Don't use electrical ornaments or light strings on artificial trees with metallic leaves or branch coverings.
 - Turn off all light strings and electrical decorations before leaving home or going to bed.



Create a home emergency kit

Emergencies happen when you least expect them. Whether you are faced with a storm, natural disaster or an extended power outage, you can keep your family safe and comfortable by preparing a home emergency kit containing these essential items. Don't forget to prepare a smaller kit for each car that you drive.

Water - Three gallons per person

Radio, flashlight & extra batteries

First aid kit

Map of local area

Food - A 3-day supply of nonperishable, high-calorie food that family members enjoy, and a can opener

Crescent wrench - For utility shut-offs

Money - Extra cash and coins

Extra blankets and clothing

Pet supplies - Food and water for pets

An emergency contact list

Duct tape and plastic sheeting

Other important items - A three-day supply of prescription medication, extra eyeglasses, copies of important documents (marriage & birth certificates, insurance policies, passports) and toys or books.



Sign up for Choice Energy Wind Power

It's easy to buy wind power. Just fill out and return this form, call us at (503) 397-0590 or visit www.crpud.net. Your purchase will be added to your electric bill beginning with your next monthly statement. [Charges for Choice Energy Wind Power are in addition to your regular electric charges.](#)

Name: _____

PUD Customer Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Choice Energy Program Options:

Columbia Waves Plan - I want to purchase blocks of wind power.
_____ Number of 100 kWh blocks x \$2 each = \$_____ per month.

Chinook Breeze Plan - I want to purchase all my electricity from wind farms for an additional 1.5¢ per kilowatt-hour of electricity I use.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

