



# Power Lines

A monthly newsletter from Columbia River People's Utility District

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## Save Energy, Stay Cool With a Heat Pump

If July's heat wave left you dreaming of air conditioning, you should consider installing a heat pump or a ductless heat pump. We have rebates and Expert help to make the switch even simpler. Here's a quick comparison of the two systems:

### Ductless Heat Pumps

- Provide summer cooling and winter heating
- Doesn't use ductwork
- Simple installation
- Quiet operation
- Heats & cools one or more zones in your home
- Good choice for replacing baseboards, ceiling cables or wall heaters
- Also good for additions or remodeling projects where extending the ductwork isn't possible
- PUD Rebate of \$1,500 available through September for qualified installations
- Tax credits up to \$1,900 may also be available



### Standard Air-Source Heat Pumps

- Provide summer cooling and winter heating
- Requires ductwork
- Installation can be more complex
- Heats & cools the whole house
- Great for new construction or for homes with existing ductwork
- PUD Rebate of up to \$1,300 available for qualified installations
- Tax credits up to \$2,500 may also be available

### Which System is Right For You?

Our Energy Experts can help you decide which heating & cooling system is best for you. Give them a call today at (503) 366-5470 or visit [www.crpud.net](http://www.crpud.net) to learn more.

### Send your best shots for the Calendar Photo Contest

Each year we produce a calendar for our customers that features scenic photographs taken in Columbia County. To enter this year's contest, send us up to ten of your best photos by September 15th. Entry forms and complete contest details are available at our office and can be downloaded from [www.crpud.net/community](http://www.crpud.net/community). To learn more, contact Libby Calnon at [lca@crpud.org](mailto:lca@crpud.org) or (503) 366-3264.



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## Simplify life with *Always Current* Automatic Bill Payment

- Receive your statement by email
- Pay through an automatic deduction
- View your payment history online, anytime

Complete and return the enrollment form on reverse to sign up.

## Buy ENERGY STAR qualified appliances, earn PUD rebates

We offer rebates for ENERGY STAR® qualified clothes washers, dishwashers and refrigerators. Rebate amounts are as follows:

- Clothes washer with electric hot water heater - \$75
- Clothes washer with gas, propane oil hot water heater - \$25
- Dishwasher - \$25
- Refrigerator - \$25
- Freezer - \$25



Contact our Energy Experts at [experts@crpud.org](mailto:experts@crpud.org) or (503) 366-5470 for more information.

### Tax credits also available

The state of Oregon offers \$60 - \$180 tax credits on energy-efficient appliances. Their qualification standards differ slightly from ours - for more information visit [www.oregon.gov/energy](http://www.oregon.gov/energy).

## \$250 Rebate on Marathon Lifetime Electric Water Heaters

In the market for a new water heater? Buy a Marathon®. Marathon electric water heaters carry a lifetime warranty against tank leakage and are the most energy-efficient storage water heaters on the market.

We offer a \$250 rebate on Marathon water heaters and 0% interest, 12 month financing with approved credit.

Marathon water heaters are available from several local dealers. To learn more, visit [www.crpud.net](http://www.crpud.net) or contact our Energy Experts at [experts@crpud.org](mailto:experts@crpud.org) or (503) 366-5470.



## Wind Power Creates a Cleaner Future

When you sign up for a Choice Energy Plan, you support the development of new renewable energy resources like wind and solar. Renewable energy is a great alternative to power plants that burn fossil fuels to generate electricity.



### Plans start at \$2 a month

You can buy all your energy from wind farms, or just a little. There are two plans available:

**Chinook Breeze:** Buy all your electricity from wind farms for an additional 1.5¢ per kilowatt-hour per month.

**Columbia Waves:** Buy 100 kWh "blocks" of wind power for \$2 each per month

### Sign up today

To sign up for a Choice Energy wind power plan, call Customer Accounts at (503) 397-0590 or visit [www.crpud.net](http://www.crpud.net).

## Energy Efficiency Programs & Services for Homeowners

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Free Home Energy Use Evaluations

ENERGY STAR® Appliance Rebates

Duct Sealing Rebates

Ductless Heat Pump Rebates

Heat Pump Rebates

Marathon® Water Heater Rebates

ENERGY STAR® Manufactured Homes

ENERGY STAR® New Homes

Home Weatherization Rebates

## Sign up for *Always Current* - Automatic payment with email billing

Complete this form and return with payment or submit to: Columbia River PUD, PO Box 1193, St. Helens, OR 97051.

**\*\*Please include a voided blank check with this form.\*\***

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PUD Customer Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Account:  Checking  Savings

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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