



Power Lines

A monthly newsletter from Columbia River People's Utility District

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Upgrade your Electric Heat & Get Summer Cooling Too

Replace baseboards, zonal heat or ceiling cables with a ductless heat pump system

Quiet and easy to use, ductless heat pumps provide winter heating and summer cooling. Their simple installation and energy savings of up to 40% make them an excellent option for replacing electric furnaces or zonal heating systems.

Up to \$3,400 in Rebates & Tax Credits Available

Now through September, we're offering a \$1,500 rebate for ductless systems that are installed in qualifying homes. You may also qualify for state tax credits up to \$400 and federal tax credits up to \$1,500.

Learn More:

Visit www.crpud.net or www.goingductless.com

Contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org



The indoor head of a ductless system sits above a window.

About Ductless Heat Pumps

Ductless heat pumps are **energy-efficient** systems that provide **winter heating** and **summer cooling**.

Ductless systems have an outside unit and one or more inside "heads" that heat and cool different parts of your home. They don't require ductwork and they are **easy to install**.

Ductless systems often **replace baseboards, wall heaters, ceiling cables or electric furnaces**. They're also a **great choice for additions** where ductwork can't be extended.

The average cost is **\$3,000 - \$5,000**.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Work safely around electricity

- Never touch tools or appliances while you are wet or standing in water.
- Never use power tools near live electrical wires.
- Keep ladders at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
- Protect outdoor receptacles with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI).
- Use tools & extension cords marked for outdoor use.
- To avoid digging in to underground utilities, always call for locates before you dig.



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

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

- Receive your statement by email
- Your payment is automatically deducted from your account
- View your payment history and electricity usage online, anytime



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

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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.

\$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 or contact our Energy Experts at experts@crpud.org or (503) 366-5470.



Please don't hang signs, basketball hoops, bird feeders, or anything else on utility poles

We know it's tempting to hang signs, basketball hoops and other items on utility poles, but there are good reasons why you shouldn't:

- 1. Attachments endanger our employees who climb poles.** A tiny puncture in a worker's rubber gloves can expose him to severe electric shock, causing serious injury or death.
- 2. Attachments damage poles.** When the sealed outer layers of a pole are pierced, moisture and insects creep in and cause damage that shortens the life of the pole, increasing maintenance costs for all PUD customers.
- 3. We risk fines.** The National Electric Safety Code prohibits pole attachments, and we risk fines from the Oregon Public Utility Commission when items are attached to our poles.

Thank you for helping us to maintain a safe, reliable system.

Help our crews stay safe - don't nail or staple anything to our utility poles.



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.****

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

PUD Customer Number: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Choose a Password: _____

Bank Name: _____

Name on Account: _____

Bank Routing #: _____

Bank Account #: _____

Type of Account: Checking Savings

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Add Budget Pay option? (Equal monthly payments, amount calculated each March)

Yes No

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