



# Power Lines

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## Keep Cool for Less this Summer with These Simple Tips

Summer is on its way, and with it comes the probability of a few uncomfortably hot days and nights. Follow these tips to keep cool and comfortable while keeping your home energy costs to a minimum:

### Basic Strategies to Keep Cool

- Close blinds and drapes or cover windows during daylight hours to keep the sun off of the glass.
- Keep your house closed during the day to keep heat out, and ventilate it well at night to let cool air in.
- Turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms. Turn off or unplug unnecessary electronics.
- Dress for the weather. Wear lightweight, loose fitting clothing on hot days to help keep cool.
- Drink plenty of cold liquids to stay hydrated.

### Habits that Save Energy



- Skip the dishwasher's drying cycle. Open it & air dry items instead.
- Dry laundry on a clothesline.
- Set your A/C thermostat to 78.
- Cook more meals in your microwave.

Microwave cooking is quicker, more energy efficient and heats the food instead of your house.

- Use a fan with your room air conditioner to help move the cool air throughout the house.



### Investments That Are Worth It

- Shade your air conditioner, and make sure it has good airflow on all sides.
- Good attic ventilation keeps your house cooler. Keep attic vents clear and attic fans functioning properly.
- Install awnings or plant deciduous trees or vines to shade south and east windows.
- For the most energy-efficient home heating and cooling, install a heat pump system.

### For More Information:

For more energy saving tips, call our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or visit [www.crpud.net](http://www.crpud.net). If you heat with electricity, consider signing up for one of our free home energy use evaluations, which can help you find ways to save energy year-round.



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# PUD Scholarship Winners Announced

We recently awarded three \$4,000 Utility Industry and three \$1,000 Community Service Scholarships to graduating seniors from local high schools. Congratulations to our recipients!

## Utility Industry Scholarship Recipients:

Derek Eidem, St. Helens  
Robert Forman, St. Helens  
Colin Heath, Scappoose

## Community Service Scholarship Recipients:

Rachel Childers, St. Helens  
Alison Gallaher, Rainier  
Emily Rocha, Scappoose

# 2010 My Fair Lady Court Announced

## Five senior women honored for their community service

We're pleased to announce the members of the 2010 My Fair Lady Court: Helen Simmons of Scappoose, Marcia Powers of Clatskanie, Margie Clark of Rainier, Marvel Brown of St. Helens and Rosie McCoy of Vernonia.



The pageant is held during the Columbia County Fair & Rodeo each year and honors senior women for outstanding community service. This year's pageant will be held on Wednesday, July 14th at 1:00 p.m.

The pageant is the highlight of Senior Day at the fair. On that day, Columbia River PUD, Clatskanie PUD and West Oregon Electric are sponsoring free round-trip fair transportation for seniors from each senior center in the county, and the fair is offering free admission for seniors.

*The 2010 My Fair Lady Court:  
Front: Marcia Powers and Margie Clark,  
Back: Rosie McCoy, Marvel Brown and Helen Simmons*

# Energy Efficiency Programs & Services for Homeowners

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