



Power Lines

A monthly newsletter from Columbia River People's Utility District

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Buy Wind Power From the PUD!

For as little as \$2 a month, you can buy wind power and help support the development of new renewable energy resources in Oregon. Using renewable resources reduces our reliance on power plants that burn fossil fuels to generate electricity, helping to create a cleaner future.



We offer two wind power plans through our Choice Energy Program:

Columbia Waves:

Buy 100 kWh "blocks" of wind power for \$2 each per month

Chinook Breeze:

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

Sign up today

To sign up for a Choice Energy wind power plan, call Customer Accounts at (503) 397-0590, fill out and return the form below, or visit www.crpud.net.

Enter your Best Shots in our Calendar Photo Contest

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



Photo by Sandy Paschall

Play Safely This Summer - Electrical Safety Tips for the Kid in All of Us

- Be aware of power lines. Always assume they are "live & dangerous."
- Never touch outdoor wires with any part of your body or other objects.
- Fly kites, model airplanes & toys in fields, parks or large open spaces - safely away from trees & power lines.
- Don't try to retrieve balloons, kites or other objects that get stuck on power lines or in other electrical equipment.
- Don't climb trees near power lines.
- Keep electrical toys, appliances and tools at least 10 feet from pools, puddles or other wet surfaces.
- Never climb a utility pole or play on or around electrical equipment. Don't go into a substation for any reason.
- Never attempt to rescue a family member, friend or pet that has come into contact with electrical equipment. Call 9-1-1 immediately.



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

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: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

PUD Customer Number: _____
Phone: _____
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: _____



CHOICE ENERGY
Your Energy. Your Choice.

\$250 Rebate on Marathon Lifetime Water Heaters

Ordinary water heaters last 10-15 years. Their metal tanks eventually corrode and leak, leaving you with a big mess and no hot water. Don't wait for your water heater to fail. Upgrade to a Marathon® lifetime warranted water heater and prevent leakage problems before they occur. 0%, 12-month financing is also available to customers with a good credit history.

Contact our Energy Experts for a list of local dealers. Call (503) 366-5470, email experts@crpud.org or visit www.crpud.net.

Marathon Water Heater Advantages

Energy Saving Pipe Wrap Kit reduces heat loss through plumbing lines.

Temperature & Pressure Relief Valve is factory installed.

Watertight Grommets keep out overhead moisture & condensation.

Seamless Molded Non-Metallic Inner Tank can't rust or corrode.

Fill Tube made from high temperature material withstands thermal storage.

High-Tech Heating Elements. The upper element fused to protect tank against "dry fire". Bottom element is low-watt density, titanium or stainless alloy for long life.

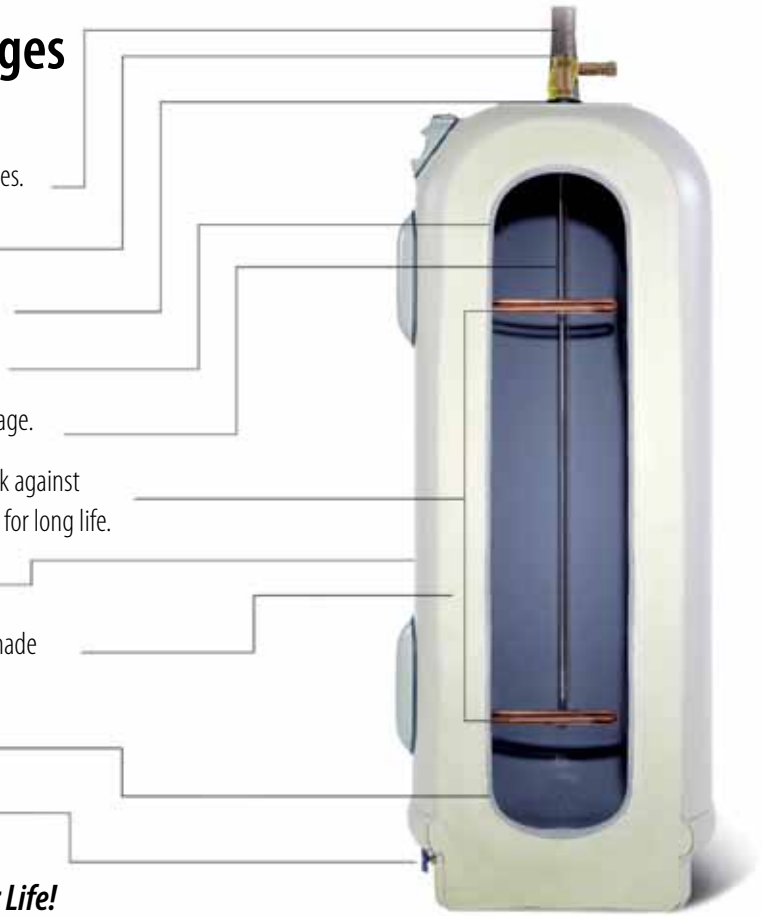
Polyethylene Outer Jacket resists dents & scratches.

Envirofoam® is a great energy saver & friendly to the ozone layer - it's made without CFCs or HCFCs.

Filament-Wound Fiberglass Tank has unmatched strength.

Recessed Drain Valve is protected from damage.

Marathon Tanks Provide Energy-Efficient Hot Water, For Life!



Please Don't Ever Hang Anything 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.** We may be subject to 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 utility poles.

10 Free Ways to Use Less Electricity At Home

1. Turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms.
2. Set your thermostat back a few degrees. Set it lower when you are away or asleep.
3. Wash and rinse laundry in cold water. Always run full loads.
4. Install a low-flow showerhead and take shorter showers.
5. Use the dishwasher to do the dishes. Always run full loads, and use the "energy-saver" option if there is one.
6. Close the fireplace damper when it is not in use. (Wait several hours after the fire dies.)
7. Unplug battery chargers, mobile phones, laptops and other devices when not in use.
8. Learn to cook more meals in your microwave.
9. Clean your dryer's lint filter after each load, and make sure the dryer vent is unobstructed.
10. Clean your furnace filters monthly. Dirty filters restrict airflow and cause your furnace to work harder, using more energy.