



Kylee Neveau finished first among 9-year-olds in the 2017 contest.

Kids' Coloring Contest Starts Now

Our 2018 Coloring Contest is underway for children ages 5-12 who live in our service area.

To enter, color the enclosed picture and return it to the PUD by Sept. 20.

You may download and print additional copies of the picture at crpud.net/coloring-contest.

All qualifying entrants will receive a coupon for a free ice cream cone.

Please return entries to:

Columbia River PUD
64001 Columbia River Hwy.
Deer Island, OR 97054

PUD Office Will Close for Training

Our office will be closed from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, for an all employee safety training.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



9 Free Ways to Keep Cool this Summer

Our Energy Experts have some tips to share for staying cool and keeping your energy bills low this summer.

1. Keep windows, doors, blinds, and curtains closed to keep the sun out of your home.
2. Open windows and doors when it cools down to let breezes in.
3. Dry your laundry on a clothesline.
4. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothes on hot days.
5. Drink plenty of cool liquids to stay hydrated.
6. Use your kitchen and bathroom fans after cooking and bathing to remove hot steam from the air.
7. Cook more in your microwave or outside on a grill.
8. Turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms.
9. Turn off or unplug unnecessary electronics.

See a video explaining these tips and other ways to save money during the summer months at crpud.net/staycool.

Website Redesign Improves Usability

We recently redesigned our website. We are excited about how simple it will be to use on all of your devices.

The new graphic elements make the site easier to navigate on a mobile phone, desktop computer, laptop, or tablet. You can pay your bill quickly and easily from the comfort of your home, or learn about our wide-ranging rebate programs while you're on the go.

Take a look at the new site for yourself at crpud.net.



Upgrade Your Heating & Cooling System to Stay Comfortable All Year

Ductless heat pumps and air source heat pumps both provide affordable comfort year-round. We offer rebates for the installation of both systems.

A ductless heat pump system:

- Provides cooling and heating for one or more zones in your home.
- Is simple to install and doesn't use ductwork.
- Is a great choice to provide a more efficient heating and cooling system in either site built or manufactured homes.
- Is good for additions or remodels.
- Qualifies for a PUD rebate ranging from \$400 to \$1,200.



An air source heat pump system:

- Provides heating and cooling to your whole home.
- Requires ductwork.
- Can be added to an existing electric or gas furnace for more efficient heating and air conditioning.
- Is a great choice for new construction or homes with existing ductwork and a central heating system.
- Qualifies for a PUD rebate ranging from \$300 to \$1,200.

Learn more about these systems and the rebates we offer online at crpud.net/heating-systems.

Please Call Us Before Adding Electric Load

If you are adding electric load to your home or business, please call us first.

This may include building a shop or greenhouse, adding a heat pump, or adding other equipment.

When you add electric load, you risk overloading our equipment. This can damage our equipment and cause outages or other problems. If you add load without contacting us, you are responsible for repair time and costs.

Please contact our Engineering Department at **(503) 397-0760** or engineering@crpud.org before adding load.



Photo by Josh Riggs

Enter Our Calendar Photo Contest

Have a great shot of Columbia County? Send it to us! We are taking entries for our 2019 Calendar Photo Contest until September 6.

Anyone may enter the contest, but we may give preference to photos taken by our customers.

You may submit up to 10 photos each year. They should be color photos taken in Columbia County. Our calendar depicts the scenic beauty of our county.

A panel of judges will select finalists for each season. Our customers will select the winning entries through a contest held on our website and in our office in October. Results will be announced in November.

The calendar prints in landscape format. Please submit high-resolution images suitable to print at 12.25 inches wide by 9.25 inches tall.

You may enter the contest by emailing photos to kbo@crpud.org. We also accept 8"x10" prints or images on CDs.

For more information about the contest or to download an entry form, visit crpud.net/calendar.

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