



Carter T. finished in 1st place for our 7-year-old division in 2018.

## Kids' Coloring Contest Starts Now

Our 2019 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. 19.

You may download and print additional copies of the picture at [crpud.net/coloring-contest](http://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

or

Columbia River PUD  
PO Box 1193  
St. Helens, OR 97051



## 5 Easy Ways to Save Money this Summer

- 1. Block the heat.** On hot days, keep windows, doors, and curtains closed to keep cool air in and the hot sun out. Open them at night and in the early morning when it's cooler to let breezes through.
- 2. Keep your cooling thermostat set around 78 degrees.** The higher it's set, the more energy you will save.
- 3. Use fans instead of air conditioning.** Fans can make you feel up to five degrees cooler, and they use less energy than air conditioners do.
- 4. Cook more meals in microwaves or BBQs instead of stoves.** They heat only the food, rather than your whole kitchen.
- 5. Dry laundry on a clothesline.** Your house will stay cooler and your energy bills will be lower.

Find more suggestions for summer savings at [crpud.net/staycool](http://crpud.net/staycool).

## 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 electric vehicle charger, 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 first notifying us, you are responsible for repair time and costs.

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

# Stay Comfortable All Year by Upgrading Your Heating and Cooling System

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

## A ductless heat pump system:

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



## A central heat pump system:

- Provides efficient heating and cooling to your whole home.
- 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](http://crpud.net/heating-systems).

# Keep Drones Away from Power Lines

Please be careful when flying drones and keep them away from power lines. Getting too close could affect or disable your drone's signal. Landing on a power line could cause a power outage or damage your machine.

Avoid flying your drone in dark and windy conditions when it may be difficult to see power lines.

If you are operating a drone that contacts a power line, please call us immediately at **(503) 397-1844**. Do not try removing the drone yourself.



*This drone became tangled in power lines in Columbia City. Our Serviceman was able to retrieve it safely.*



*Photo by Holly Erickson*

## Enter Our Calendar Photo Contest

Have a great shot of Columbia County? Send it to us! We are taking entries for our 2020 Calendar Photo Contest until September 5.

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 as 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](mailto:kbo@crpud.org). We also accept 8x10 prints or images on CDs.

For more information about the contest or to download an entry form, please visit [crpud.net/calendar](http://crpud.net/calendar).

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**Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Friday, closed

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