



Pay Station Locations to Change on July 1

Beginning July 1, Bank of the West in St. Helens will no longer serve as a PUD pay station.

We will continue to have payment drop boxes stationed in front of our office and at the following locations:

- Rainier City Hall
106 W B St.
- Scappoose City Hall
33568 E. Columbia Ave.
- St. Helens City Hall –
Utilities Department
265 Strand St.

Drop boxes will be located inside of each building.

Customers facing disconnection will need to call us at (503) 397-1844 to report their payment, pay online at crpud.net, or pay in our office.

Additional payment methods are available. If you would like more details on these options, please visit crpud.net/billing.

PUD Grant will Help Revamp Chamber Office

Our Board of Directors awarded a \$5,500 Economic Development Grant to help with renovations at the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce building.

The Chamber is revamping its visitor center and establishing a business center for local businesses.

The business center's goal is to provide a space for incubation and development for small businesses to grow into successful companies that the entire community can benefit from.

"This is a great cause," said PUD Board President Jake Carter.

The Economic Development Grant is designed to promote investment in long-term economic development and growth of business and industry within the CRPUD service area for the benefit of the local community and CRPUD customers. It is available to nonprofit corporations for projects meeting certain considerations and requirements.

This is the third Economic Development Grant the Board has awarded in 2019. Learn more about the grant program at crpud.net/grant.



South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Simon Date accepts a check from Columbia River PUD Board President Jake Carter.

Please Beware of Utility Scam Attempts

Posing as a utility employee is a common tactic for scammers. Here are some tips to keep you from becoming a victim:

- If someone calls you claiming to be from the PUD, they will know your information and will not ask you for it.
- Don't trust caller ID or recordings.
- Never give out your PUD account information, banking information, or credit card information unless you have verified the call is legitimate.
- If you are ever in doubt that you are speaking with a PUD employee, hang up and call us at **(503) 397-0590**.



More tips are available at crpud.net/scams.



9 Tips to Keep Power Bills Lower 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 on hot days to keep the sun's heat 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.

You Can Help Develop Renewable Resources

You can help develop renewable energy resources in our region.

We provide customers the option of purchasing wind Renewable Energy Certificates.

If you would like to support new renewable energy options in the Pacific Northwest, you can learn how at crpud.net/wind.



Enter GLOW Raffle to Win Quilt

You can help low-income PUD customers by entering to win this beautiful, handmade quilt. The Columbia River Piecemakers Quilting Guild donated a queen-sized quilt to be raffled. All raffle proceeds will go to our GLOW fund, which provides emergency payment assistance to low-income customers.

Raffle tickets are available at our office. They are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn in October.



See Us at the Fair

Visit our booth at the 2019 Columbia County Fair and Rodeo to learn about electric vehicles and our new EV charger rebate program.

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