



## Variety of Bill Pay Options Available

Pay your electric bill in a way that's convenient for you. We offer a variety of options for paying your bill:

- Account Online
- Auto Pay
- Electric Charge
- Pay by Phone

In addition to these options, you can pay in person at our office in Deer Island, or at Bank of the West in St. Helens.

We also have payment drop boxes located at Scappoose City Hall, St. Helens City Hall Annex, and Rainier City Hall.

If you would like more details on any of these options, please visit [crpud.net/billing](http://crpud.net/billing), email [info@crpud.org](mailto:info@crpud.org), or call us at (503) 397-0590.

## Cool Down with a Heat Pump this Summer

**Ductless heat pumps provide year-round comfort and can cut your heating costs.**

Ductless heat pumps not only heat your home in the winter, they provide cooling in the hot summer months. They distribute cool air quietly and evenly, making your living areas more comfortable.

Ductless systems heat and cool air much more efficiently than traditional electric heaters or air conditioners.

We offer ductless heat pump rebates to customers with electric heat. Amounts range from \$400 to \$1,200 for qualifying installations. Please visit [crpud.net/ductless](http://crpud.net/ductless) to learn more.



*Photo by Jerry Vanderwerf*

## Enter the 2020 PUD Calendar Photo Contest

**You are invited to enter the 2020 PUD Calendar Photo Contest.** The calendar features scenic photos that are taken in Columbia County.

Anyone may enter the contest. Entry forms and contest details are available at [crpud.net/calendar](http://crpud.net/calendar).

## Please Stay Safe Around Electricity

**Electricity can cause serious injury or death.** Knowing what to do and what not to do around electricity can save lives – even yours.

May is National Electrical Safety Month. By following these simple precautions, you can help stay safe around electricity.

**Don't overload circuits.** Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of home electrical fires. To prevent them, never use extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliances. Only plug one heat-producing appliance into an outlet at a time.

**Let us trim trees.** Tree limbs, tools, and ladders touching power lines can electrocute you. Before you prune, trim, or cut down trees near power lines, please call us at **(503) 397-1844**.

**Stay dry.** Keep electrical equipment away from pools, spas, and wet surfaces. Don't touch any electrical appliance or tools if you are wet or touching water.

**Look up.** When carrying ladders or working on your roof, look around to make sure you stay at least 20 feet away from overhead power lines.

**Use the right cord.** Only use grounded, three-pronged, heavy duty extension cords for outdoor projects. Replace cords that have damaged insulation.

Find more tips at [esfi.org](http://esfi.org).



*Do not overload your electric outlets. Overloaded circuits are a major cause of home electrical fires.*

## Remind Kids About the Dangers of Electricity

**May is National Electrical Safety Month, and we'd like to ask you to talk to your kids about the dangers of electricity.** Here are a few tips to help stay safe around electricity:

- Stay away from substations, utility poles, and other electrical equipment.
- Always stay away from downed power lines. Never climb a tree when it is near a power line.
- Electricity and water don't mix. Never touch anything electrical when you are wet or touching water.

More tips are available at [crpud.net/kids](http://crpud.net/kids).



## Give the Gift of Light and Comfort

Are you looking for a unique gift idea? Light and comfort is a good gift for any occasion.

With our gift payment program, you can make a payment on another PUD customer's account. Making a gift payment is easy. Here's how it works:

- Set up your payment by calling our Customer Accounts Department at (503) 397-0590 or visit [crpud.net/care](http://crpud.net/care).
- Let us know whose account you'd like the payment credited to.
- Make your payment in \$5 increments.
- We will mail a gift certificate to you to present to the recipient. Or, if you prefer, we will mail it straight to the recipient. (The certificate does not need to be redeemed; the payment will already be credited to the account.)

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