

July 2017 Newsletter

Lower Your Water Heating Costs Today

Now is the best time to cut your water heating costs.

Manufacturer specials good through Dec. 31, 2017, can save you \$300 on a heat pump water heater.



We offer added rebates up to \$500.

Heat pump water heaters can reduce your water heating energy costs by up to 60%.

To learn more about our rebate program, visit www.crpud.net/hpwh.



Please Use Caution in Work Zones

Please drive slowly in work zones.

Help us all go home safely at the end of the day. When you see flaggers, please be cautious and alert.

Stay Cool and Save Money this Summer

Heat pumps provide year-round comfort and can cut your heating and cooling costs.

Air source heat pumps can reduce your heating and cooling energy use by 30-50%. We offer rebates of \$550-\$1,250 for air source heat pumps.

Ductless heat pumps can cut your heating and cooling energy use in half. We offer rebates of \$800 and \$1,000 for ductless heat pumps.

Learn more about heat pumps online at www.crpud.net/heating-systems, or contact our Energy Experts at experts@crpud.org or (503) 366-5470.



Conserve Hot Water Using These Tips

Water heating is one of the largest energy expenses in a home. It can account for up to 20% of your electric bill. By making a few simple changes, you can cut your hot water use and lower your monthly bill.

- **Take more showers than baths.** Bathing uses the most hot water in an average household. Showers typically use less hot water than baths.
- **Use cold water to wash laundry.** Today's detergents work well in cold water.
- **Use the dishwasher.** Run only full loads. This will use less water than washing dishes by hand.
- **Turn off the water** when you're brushing your teeth, shaving, or scrubbing dishes.
- **Install a faucet aerator and low-flow showerhead.** These reduce water use and energy waste.
- **If you're gone, turn it off.** If you will be away from home for more than a month, turn your water heater off at the breaker.





The Northwest hydropower system provides more than 100,000 jobs to the region.

Hydropower Provides Electricity that is Safe, Reliable, and Affordable

The rivers in our region are our primary source of clean, reliable, and affordable energy. Hydroelectric dams produce 85% of the electricity we deliver to our customers.

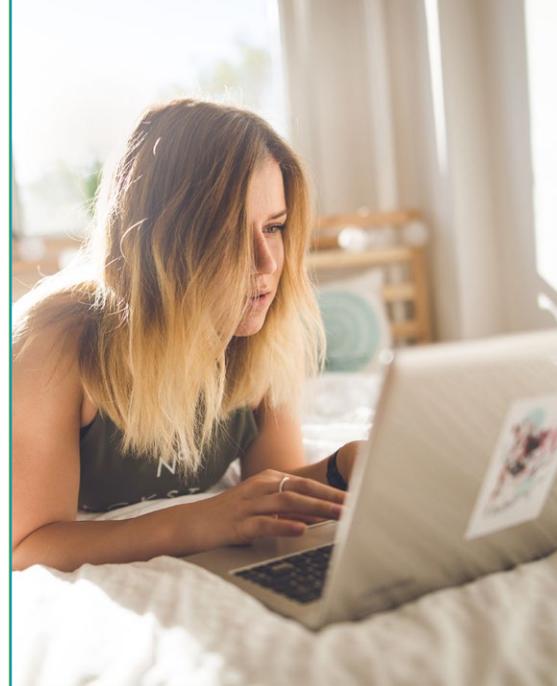
Hydropower is renewable. Each year, rain and snow replenish the supply. It's the nation's most abundant source of renewable energy.

Hydropower is reliable. Hydroelectric dams constantly generate electricity. Hydroelectric generators can respond to increased power demands at any time of day or night.

Hydropower is clean. Hydropower produces no emissions.

Hydropower is affordable. The "fuel" – water – is free. This keeps operating costs low and protects against fluctuations in fuel prices. The average Columbia River PUD bill is 38% lower than the national average.

Read more about hydropower's benefits at www.crpud.net/hydro.



Cut Down on Waste with Paperless Billing

Reduce the amount of mail coming to your house by enrolling in our Paperless Billing program.

Paperless Billing allows you to view your energy usage details electronically. You will receive an email every month when your statement is available to view.

Simon and Stephanie in Scappoose use this program. They have seen a decrease in the amount of paperwork to sort through each month.

"It's nice because I just don't have paper come to my house. The less trees we can cut down, the better," Simon says.

If you would like to learn more, visit www.crpud.net/paperless or contact Customer Accounts at info@crpud.org or (503) 397-0590.

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