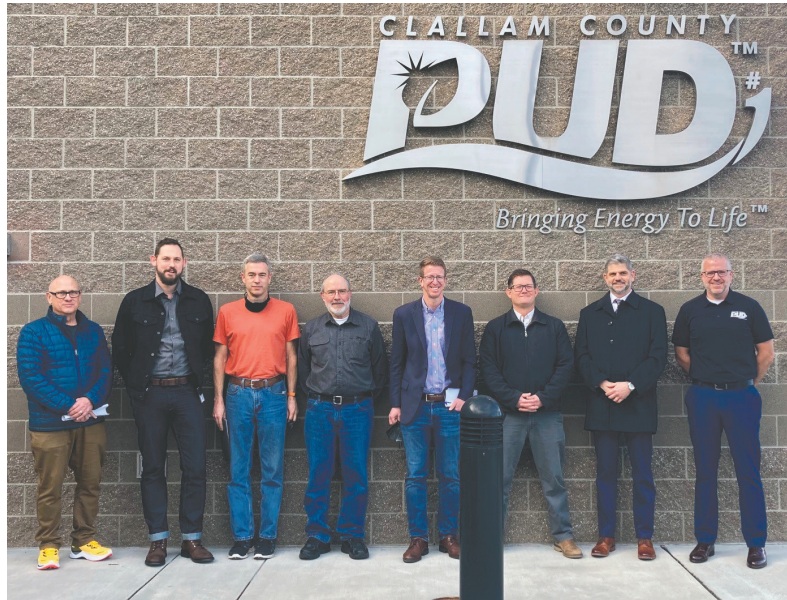




Attendees at Sunshine Festival Light Experience try out the generating bicycle.



U.S. Representative Derek Kilmer visited the PUD to discuss opportunities and challenges.



Employees enjoyed visiting with customers at the NPBA EXPO.



Crews work to replace a broken pole caused by a car vs. pole hit-and-run.



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# From the General Manager



SEAN WORTHINGTON

Welcome to Spring! This issue is focused on safety and energy efficiency since Spring is when our minds turn to home and yard projects. The Home Shows likely were an inspiration for many and we enjoyed seeing all of you in person again!

As I discussed in the last issue, the rate decrease, stemming from our own fiscal management and the Bonneville Power Administration’s (BPA’s) Reserve Distribution Clause, is now in effect. We are happy to be able to pass along these savings to you, the ratepayers.

Below you will see our updated fuel mix. What had been listed as a small percentage of “unspecified resources”, which were BPA market purchases, has now been broken down even further so you can see what these unspecified purchases consisted of. Clallam PUD is currently over 97% clean energy!

Upon the resignation of Commissioner Rick Paschall, we thank him for his service to Clallam PUD. His knowledge and experience in public power were valuable. After accepting applications for appointment to the position, the Commissioners will be conducting interviews in early April and we look forward to introducing your new Commissioner.

Sean Worthington,  
General Manager

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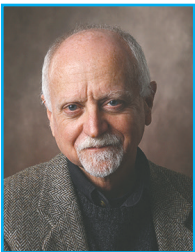
## Fuel Mix

Your PUD's electricity comes from the following fuel mix:

Coal .....	1.37%
Hydroelectric .....	86.30%
Natural Gas .....	0.97%
Nuclear .....	10.85%
Petroleum .....	0.01%
Solar .....	0.00%
Wind .....	0.43%
Other Generation .....	0.07%
Total .....	100%

## Commissioners

Clallam County Public Utility District #1 is directed by a three-member board of commissioners elected by the citizens of the county. Our Board holds public meetings the 2nd and 4th Mondays monthly at 1:30 p.m. at our Carlsborg Main Office.



Jim Waddell  
President, District #3

Jim Waddell is a Civil Engineer who is retired from a 35-year public service career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For over twenty years of that career he has been a leader in developing the policies and practice of Sustainable Development. He also served with the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Jim’s work with the NSF and then as the Senior Policy Analyst for the Environment in the White House office of Science and Technology Policy was largely focused on climate change policy, budgets and research integration. During the early stages of his career, Jim Waddell was an officer in the Army National Guard, serving in Engineer, Signal and Transportation units.

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Ken Hays  
Vice-President, District #1

Ken has lived in Sequim since 1977 where together with his spouse Joanna they raised their son William on Joanna’s grandparents’ family farmstead. Ken’s education includes the University of Washington Fine Arts and Architecture programs and a year of study at the Royal Academy of Art and Architecture, Antwerp Belgium. Ken is a registered and licensed architect with a practice based in Sequim since 1988. His professional experience in the private and public sectors includes programming, design, project budget development, construction, and facilities management. Ken’s public service includes two terms on the Sequim City Council from 2008 to 2016, serving as mayor from 2010 to 2014. As mayor his accomplishments include driving the downtown sub-area plan forward, acquiring the city’s first bond rating, and building the new Civic Center. During his tenure Ken achieved his Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership. Other public service includes the Sequim Planning Commission, Clallam County Economic Development Council Board, including a term as president, and the Sequim Boys and Girls Club Financial Planning Board.

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## Vacant District #2



# WPUDA Day on the Hill Highlights Public Power

In February, PUDs from across the state converged in Olympia for the annual “PUD Day on the Hill” event. The Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) organizes the event which includes handing out coffee at the Capitol early in the morning, then a luncheon for legislators and their staff. Concurrently, PUDs host booths in the rotunda to showcase their utilities, as well as in the luncheon room.

This event helps to reinforce the message about the benefits of public power, discuss current issues facing PUDs, and to spotlight our communities to our legislators and staff.

The mission of WPUDA is to support, protect and enhance members’ ability to conserve power and water resources of the state and to provide not-for-profit, locally-controlled utility services for the people of Washington. They serve PUDs through:

- Representing PUDs in state, regional, and national legislative and policy processes.
- Providing information about PUDs and policy issues to its members and the public.
- Offering training and development programs for utility leaders.
- Providing opportunities for PUD leaders and staff to meet, share information, and plan cooperative activities.



## REMINDER - APRIL 1, 2023 RATE DECREASE

The PUD reminds customers that the new electric rates are effective on all bills rendered on or after April 1, 2023.

Rates will be decreased for all rate schedules.

The new residential electric rate for most of the county is \$0.077 per kilowatt hour. You can find the detailed rate schedule at:

[www.clallampud.net/electric-rate-information-2/](http://www.clallampud.net/electric-rate-information-2/)



# Energy Tax Credits for Homeowners



**By Mattias Järvegren**  
**Utility Services Supervisor**

A lot of you have called, asking about the rebates and tax incentives the federal government is going to make available through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, and just before the new year, the federal government published information about the energy tax credits the Act authorized.

As we share this information, it's important to note that we are not tax professionals and we do not provide tax advice. The only way to take full advantage of the energy tax credits, is to review the Internal Revenue Service tax forms related to the energy tax credits, either on your own or with your own tax professional, and to follow the instructions the IRS provides once the IRS makes that information available. In this article, I am merely summarizing information that's been made available on the ENERGY STAR® website and providing it as a reference.

## **Tax Credits for Homeowners**

In last year's Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Congress authorized federal income tax credits for energy efficiency home improvements that will be available starting with the 2023 tax year through 2032. A wide variety of ENERGY STAR certified equipment is now eligible for fairly substantial tax credits. Taking advantage of such credits, along with the rebates we offer, can be a good way to help make your home more energy efficient and affordable.

Following is a list of the energy efficient home improvement tax credits that also align with our current rebate offerings. This list is not exhaustive, so if you're looking to purchase other energy efficient items for your home, like for instance an energy efficient pellet stove, you should be able to find information about that on the ENERGY STAR website.

### **› Air Source Heat Pumps Tax Credit**

**30% of the heat pump cost, with a maximum of \$2,000, is available for a heat pump tax credit.**

For heat pumps, ENERGY STAR certification is what should make it eligible.



In general, all ducted heat pumps that have earned the ENERGY STAR label are eligible. For ductless heat pumps, it's a tad more complicated. Ductless heat pumps also need to be the ENERGY STAR certified, but only the most efficient

ductless heat pumps qualify, needing to have a SEER2 rating that's equal to, or greater than 16, EER2 rating that's equal to, or greater than 12 and a HSPF rating that's equal to, or greater than 9. SEER, EER, and HSPF are all efficiency ratings that our heating contractors are all very familiar with, so if you're asking for bids from heating contractors, ask them to list these efficiency ratings on their bids in order to help you inform your decision.

### **› Heat pump water heaters / hybrid water heater Tax Credit**

**30% of hybrid or heat pump water heater cost, with a maximum of \$2,000, is available for a water heater tax credit.**

All hybrid and heat pump water heaters that have earned the ENERGY STAR certification are eligible for this credit.

### **› Insulation Tax Credit**

**30% of project cost, with a maximum of \$1,200, is available for an insulation energy tax credit.**

For insulation, and air sealing that's generally included with insulation, it's not as straightforward since there are so many different products that are eligible for the tax credit. Typical bulk insulation products can qualify, such as batts, rolls, blow-in fibers, rigid boards, expanding spray, and pour-in-place.

Like I mentioned, many products that air seal (reduce air leaks) can also qualify, as long as they come with a Manufacturers Certification Statement, including:

- Weather stripping
- Spray foam in a can, designed to air seal
- Caulk designed to air seal
- House wrap

### **› Windows & Skylights Tax Credit**

**30% of windows and skylight installation cost, with a \$600 maximum amount credited/**

In order to be eligible, the windows and skylights must meet ENERGY STAR Most Efficient criteria.

### **› Exterior Doors Tax Credit**

**30% of exterior door installation cost, with a \$500 (\$250 per door) maximum amounts credited**

Just like for windows and skylights, your new door must be ENERGY STAR certified in order to qualify for the tax credit.

## **Annual Limits on Energy Efficient Home Improvement Tax Credits**

It's important to note there are limits on the amount of credits you can claim for home energy improvements. For instance, there's an annual aggregate limit that you need to keep in mind. The overall total limit for an efficiency tax credit in one year is \$3,200. There is a limit of \$1,200 for any combination of home



envelope improvements (windows/doors/skylights, insulation, electrical). Then there's also a limit on the combination of heat pumps and hybrid heat pump water heater tax credits that's subject to an annual total limit of \$2,000. You can then combine the \$1,200 envelope tax credit and \$2,000 heat pump equipment tax credits, adding up to the \$3,200 annual energy tax credit limit. Given how annual aggregate limits are structured, it may be prudent to spread your improvements out over a few years.

There are other important limitations to keep in mind as well. The energy efficient home energy tax credits are for principal residence owners only. The upgrades must be to an existing home and it needs to be your principal residence in order for the energy improvements to qualify. New construction and rentals do not apply.

A principal residence is the home where you live most of the time. The home must be in the United States. It can include a house, houseboat, mobile home, cooperative apartment, condominium, and a manufactured home.

In closing, I once again want to repeat that we are not, and cannot give, tax advice. Information provided in this article is intended for reference only. The information contained herein is designed solely to provide guidance to the reader, and is not intended to be a substitute for the reader seeking personalized professional advice based on specific factual situations. Information on this web site does not constitute professional accounting, tax or legal advice and should not be interpreted as such.

If you have any questions regarding this article or would like to discuss any other energy saving opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact us. We work for you! You can reach us via the web, [www.ClallamPUD.net](http://www.ClallamPUD.net), email, [Utility.Services.Info@ClallamPUD.net](mailto:Utility.Services.Info@ClallamPUD.net), and phone, (360) 565-3249.



# Energy Efficiency Through Smart Devices



Smart refrigerators to **optimize temperature**



Optimize wash/dry times for **lowest energy costs**



**Automated** HVAC controls



**Automated** lighting



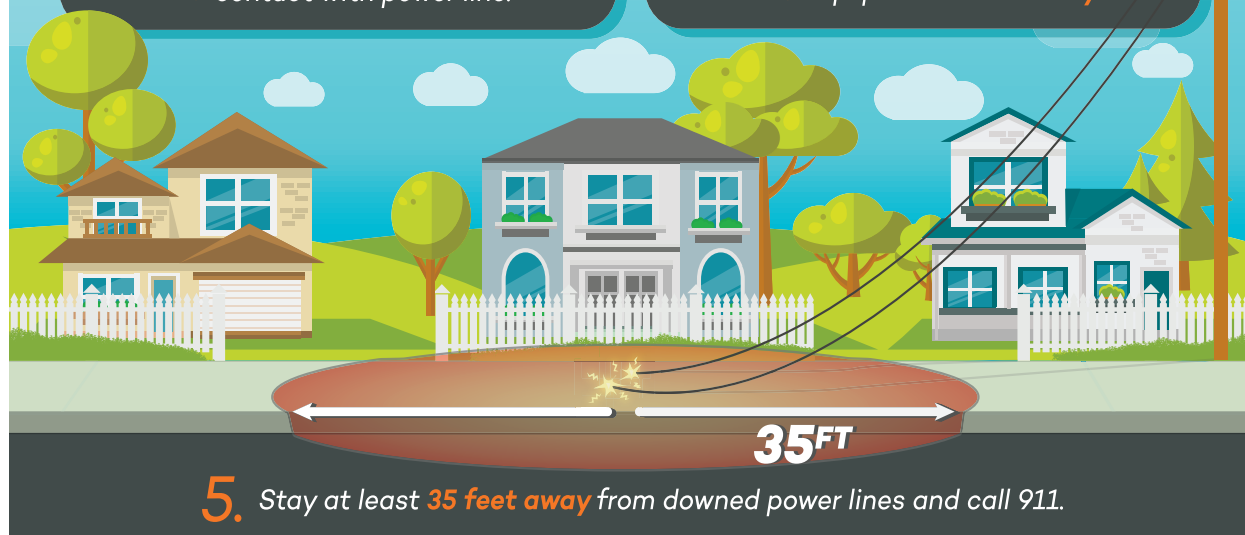
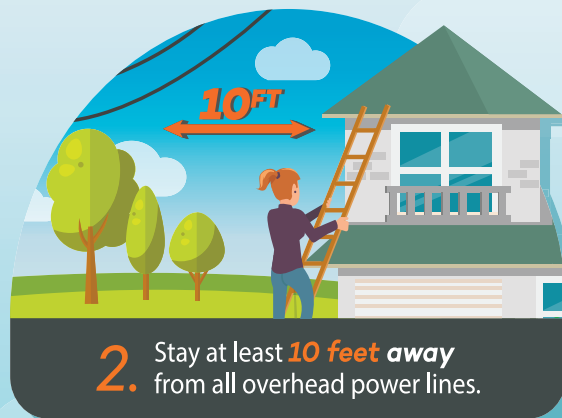
**Remote / automated** outlet controls



# Home Electrical Safety

## Always Look Up Always

Before starting **any** project, **be alert of where the power lines are located**, and know how high they are hanging. Whether you're working on the roof, trimming trees, or painting your siding, it's your job to be aware and to **alert others about nearby power lines**.



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## Spring Safety

Warmer weather stimulates an increase in outdoor work in many parts of the country, both on the job and at home. A focus on electrical safety awareness can help ensure these activities do not result in injuries and deaths.

Following a few simple safety rules can help reduce the number of electrical deaths and injuries:

- Ladders—even those made of wood—that come into contact with a power line can

**Be safe: Call 811 before you dig to identify underground utilities.**



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

<http://www.callbeforeyoudig.org/washington/>



## Electrical Safety Month is in May ...

*Please take the extra time  
when doing projects to  
ensure you have a safe  
Spring!*

prove fatal. Keep all ladders at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.

■ Unplug outdoor tools and appliances when not in use.

■ Inspect power tools and appliances for frayed cords, broken plugs, and cracked or broken housing. Repair or replace damaged items.

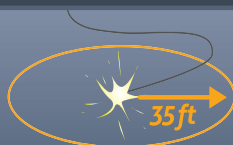
■ Water and electricity do not mix. Avoid damp conditions — including wet grass — when using electricity.



# ALWAYS ASSUME ALL DOWNED LINES ARE **LIVE**

Downed power lines can be **deadly**. Always assume a downed power line is **live** and avoid approaching them or anything near them.

## Use Precaution



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 feet away**. Even more in wet conditions.



**Never drive over** downed power lines or anything in contact with them.



If you see a downed power line, **call 911**.



**Never try to move** a downed power line.

If a vehicle contacts a **power line** or **utility pole**...

## STAY AWAY AND CALL 911



Consider **all lines** to be live and dangerous.



Stay in place or inside your vehicle unless you see **fire** or **smoke**.



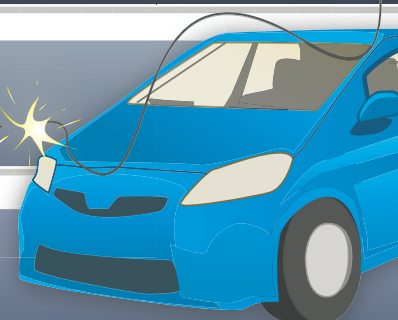
Warn others to stay at least **35 feet away**.



**Tell others** not to approach vehicle, downed lines, or anything that may be in contact with downed lines.



Call **911**.



## In the Event of Fire or Smoke

**Do not** touch the ground and vehicle at the **same time**.



Jump from the vehicle with your **feet together**.



**Shuffle away**, avoid lifting your feet.



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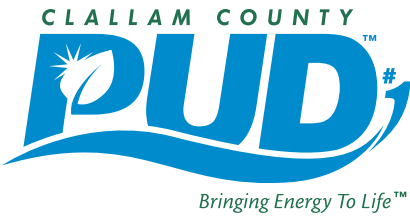


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# Neighborly Assistance Program Helps Your Neighbors In Need

Did you know that Clallam PUD has a program where you can help assist others with their electric bills? It's called our Neighborly Assistance program. You can make a one-time or recurring contribution to a fund that assists qualified low-income residential customers. You can even simply round up your bill to the next dollar! Find out more or print the enrollment card below and return to us with your contribution. Your community thanks you!

<https://clallampud.net/neighborly-assistance/>

## SmartHub Quick Facts

- SmartHub is FREE and lets you manage all aspects of your utility account 24/7 online or with your mobile device.
- View all your accounts on one screen, so you can manage multiple properties at once and even pay all with a single payment.
- Provides current and historical billing information and payment history, along with weather data to help you better understand your usage.
- Go green! Sign up for Paperless Billing and Auto Pay.
- Receive email and text notifications about activity on your account.
- Do more without the need to call an office to service your account, pay your bill, update mailing information, or report service issues.
- Report outages and monitor your service status.



Scan the QR code for your device, or search for "SmartHub app" to download the free app!



### Neighborly Assistance Program

You can help neighbors in need by donating to this fund. Indicate how you would like to contribute and your choice of agency below. Please clip and enclose this with your PUD payment or drop off at your nearest PUD office. *(If submitting with payment, only one payment is necessary for both your contribution and your PUD bill.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Acct. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

My choices for participation in the Neighborly Assistance Program are indicated below. This **replaces** any previous pledges.

- ☐ Please bill \$ \_\_\_\_\_ every month, beginning with my next statement, until I contact the PUD to cancel.
- ☐ Please round up my bill to the next dollar and contribute the excess.
- ☐ I prefer a one-time contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want my contribution to go to (check one):

- \_\_\_\_\_ to Olympic Community Action Programs
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Port Angeles St. Vincent de Paul
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Sequim Community Aid
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Sequim St. Vincent de Paul

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

