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GO PAPERLESS AND GET \$5!



Pend Oreille PUD is proud to launch its first-ever paperless billing campaign, giving customers an easy way to simplify their bills while helping the PUD reduce printing and postage costs.

Customers who sign up for paperless billing during the campaign will receive a one-time \$5 bill credit. Once enrolled, your monthly bill will be delivered directly to your email, giving you convenient access without waiting for a paper bill to arrive in the mail.

It's a small change that can make a big difference. By reducing the amount we spend on printing and mailing thousands of paper bills, we can put those savings toward the electric system and the services we provide to our customers.

The campaign is officially underway and runs through Public Power Week in October. To sign up now, please scan the QR code, visit popud.org or call us at 509-447-3137.

**Go paperless. Get \$5. It's a win for you,
and a win for your PUD!**

Note: Customers who enroll in paperless billing agree to remain enrolled for a minimum of six months. Current PUD customers who are already enrolled in paperless billing are not eligible for this promotion.

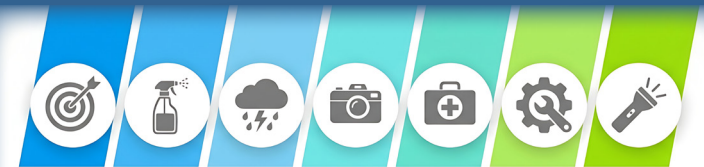


SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month, a good reminder that emergencies and outages can happen at any time. Taking a little time now to prepare can make a big difference when the power goes out or severe weather impacts our community.

Make sure you have an emergency kit with flashlights, batteries, water, nonperishable food and any medications or other essentials your household may need. If you rely on electricity for medical equipment or other critical needs, have a backup plan in place.

It's also a good time to review your emergency contacts, know how to receive local emergency alerts and make sure everyone in your household knows what to do if an emergency occurs.



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*A few simple steps today can help you
and your family be ready for
whatever comes next.*



Hunters, Aim for Electrical Safety

Fall is approaching in Pend Oreille County, which means hunting season is just around the corner. As you head into the woods and spend time outdoors with family and friends, make electrical safety part of your hunting checklist.

Power lines and electrical equipment can be easy to overlook, especially in wooded and rural areas. A few simple precautions can help prevent serious injuries, outages and damage to PUD equipment. Before heading out, remember:

- Scout your area. Look for power lines, poles, substations and other electrical equipment before setting up. Know where they are and avoid them.
- Never shoot toward power lines or equipment. A stray bullet can damage electrical equipment, knock down a line, cause an outage or create a serious safety hazard.
- Keep your distance. Stay at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines and electrical equipment.
- Never climb utility poles. Utility poles and electrical equipment are not safe places to climb or use as hunting platforms.
- Keep tree stands and blinds away from utility equipment. Never attach or support a stand or blind to a power pole or other electrical infrastructure.
- Use generators safely. If you're using a portable generator at a cabin, campsite or other location, operate it outdoors in a well-ventilated area, away from doors, windows and vents.
- Stay away from downed power lines. If you encounter a downed line or damaged electrical equipment, stay at least 35 feet away and assume the line is energized. Call the PUD to report the hazard.
- Help prevent wildfires. Know and follow current fire restrictions, and use extra caution with campfires, vehicles and other potential sources of ignition.

Whether you're a seasoned hunter or heading out for the first time, take a few minutes to identify electrical hazards before you begin. Stay safe, know your surroundings and make electrical safety part of your hunt.

CONNECT WITH US!

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Tue, Sept 1 - Newport
Tue, Sept 15 - Newport
Tue, Sept 29 - Lone



Energy Assistance Applications Now Open

Applications are now open September 1-22 for Rural Resources' Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps eligible households with energy costs during the colder months.

Funding is limited and applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, so eligible households are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

For eligibility information, application instructions and important dates, visit:

<https://ruralresources.org/apply-for-energy-assistance/>