



# Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

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## Pend Oreille PUD Encourages Community Support Through Neighbors in Need Program

**PEND OREILLE COUNTY, Wash.** - Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (PUD) is encouraging customers to show some community love this month by supporting the PUD's Neighbors in Need Program, which provides energy assistance to local families and individuals facing financial hardship.

All donations stay in Pend Oreille County and help qualifying households keep their lights on during difficult times. Contributions of any size make a meaningful difference for local community members experiencing unexpected challenges.

"As a community and customer-owned utility, we see firsthand how a small amount of help at the right time can make a real difference for local families" said Joe Hathaway, Public Information Officer for the PUD. "Neighbors in Need allows customers to support one another in a simple, meaningful way, especially during the colder months."

As a thank-you, customers who stop by the PUD Administration Building in Newport and donate during the month of February will receive a free PUD tote bag, while supplies last.

Customers can support the Neighbors in Need Program in several ways, including enrolling in Operation Round Up, which rounds monthly electric bills up to the nearest dollar, adding a one-time or recurring donation to their bill, pledging a set monthly amount, or mailing a check to *PUD – Neighbors in Need, PO Box 190, Newport, WA 99156*.

Donations to the Neighbors in Need Program are tax deductible. Donors receive a summary of their annual contributions on their December statements, and customers who donated in 2025 will receive their totals by mail this month.

For more information or to sign up, visit [popud.org](http://popud.org), email [cse@popud.org](mailto:cse@popud.org), or call (509) 447-3137.

### About Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

Pend Oreille PUD was established in 1936 and began operations in 1948. The PUD is governed by three locally elected Commissioners. A General Manager and staff operate the utility within policies set by the Board of Commissioners. The PUD has four operating systems: The electric system distributes electricity to the county, the production system produces power from the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, the water system consists of nine individual water distribution subdivisions, and the community network system provides wholesale broadband communication services. For more information visit: <http://popud.org>.