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The 1st week of October is Public Power Week... and we have reason to celebrate!

Like more than 2,000 utilities across the country, we are powered by a community-owned, not-for-profit public power utility. During Public Power Week, we celebrate the benefits of living in a public power community, including: low rates, high reliability, customer responsiveness, community focus, economic development, and local control. Thank you for being one of our 9,000+ customers.



We will be celebrating Public Power Week Monday 10/3 through Friday 10/7.

Stop in and see us at the PUD office in Newport for Coffee, Cookies, & Cocoa.

Plus, pick up a free PUD tote bag! Our Customer Service Team and the rest of the PUD staff looks forward to seeing you.

Wood Duck Boxes

Wood ducks and other waterfowl typically nest in large tree cavities adjacent to wet habitats that provide sufficient food. Once threatened with near-extinction in the early to mid-20th century, these birds have experienced a healthy population rebound, in part due to nest boxes creating new nesting opportunities.

The PUD maintains over 35 waterfowl nest structures as part of the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project license compliance efforts.

The PUD offers technical support to local groups and individual landowners that are interested in enhancing waterfowl nesting habitats in shoreline areas located within the Box Canyon reservoir.

The PUD also offers a limited number of structures for cavity-nesting waterfowl. For either technical assistance or a cavity nest structure, contact the PUD at information@popud.org.





Power Surge Protection

What causes a surge in power? There are many causes, including: lightning strikes; a big power user turning high voltage equipment on and off; trees falling across multiple power lines, causing the lines to momentarily touch; and even static electricity at home can scramble some of the more-sensitive equipment. Occasional power surges last only a fraction of a second, but without proper protection, your electronic equipment could be damaged.

The PUD strongly recommends using surge protection for all equipment that could be damaged by temporary voltage surges. Pay particular attention to more sensitive electronics, including computers, televisions, and appliances.

There are two major ways to protect your equipment from surges. First, you can provide protection at the point-of-entry of your electrical panel by having a whole-home surge protector installed by a professional electrician. Second, you can install protection at the point-of-use, where electrical equipment connects to electrical outlets. A combination of point-of-entry and point-of-use protection will provide the greatest level of defense.

Despite our best efforts, the PUD cannot provide 100% protection against all power surges that you may experience at home. Please be proactive in protecting your electronics from the effects of power sags, swells and other possible disturbances. An investment in protective equipment could be much less costly than replacing appliances or paying your homeowners insurance deductible.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE PUD OFFERS A LOW-INCOME SENIOR DISCOUNT?

Qualified Pend Oreille PUD customers, based on their total annual household income and the age of the applicant, could receive a \$5 monthly discount on their utility bill. An application and age and income verifications are required to receive the monthly discount. Customers will be required to re-verify eligibility upon request. The application, along with qualifying criteria, can be viewed here: [Low-Income Senior Discount Application](#)



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