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APRIL 2022



April is National Safe Digging Month 811 Works for Everyone

PUD Customer, Don Hatcher, is the winner of our 5th Annual 811 Poster Contest. Thank you and awesome job Don!

Know what's below.
Call before you dig.



If you are putting in a new fence, installing a mailbox post, or putting in a sprinkler system, 811 is for you. State law requires anyone digging a hole that is one foot deep or more to call 811 at least two business days before starting.

Here is the process:

1. Notify your local one call center by calling 811 or making an online request 2-3 days before work begins.
2. Wait the required amount of time for affected utility operators to respond to your request.
3. Confirm that all affected utility operators have responded and marked their underground utilities.
4. Dig carefully around the marks.

To learn more or submit a locate request to 811, please visit:
[Call 811.com](http://Call811.com)

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SPRING HAS ARRIVED!

Please stay safe and stay out of rivers during high water.

HELLO SPRING! April typically marks the beginning of spring runoff, with the peak usually occurring the last week of May to the 1st week of June. Current snowpack levels for the Pend Oreille River drainage appear to be slightly less than average. In spite of the slightly lower snowpack, this year's winter snowfalls will likely cause runoff to be at near-normal conditions. However, other influences for snowmelt runoff include fall soil moisture and weather during the spring which can certainly impact predictions. You can view Pend Oreille River flow and elevation levels here: [Flow & Elevation](#).



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ELECTRIC & FIBER LINE EXTENSION REQUESTS

Construction season is ramping up, and with that, we tend to see an influx of electric and fiber line extension requests. Given the pandemic, the number of customers looking into connecting to fiber has greatly increased over the past two years. The Community Network System's 2-man fiber crew completed nearly 280 line extensions in 2021.

During the summer months, it typically takes 8-10 weeks from the time you apply for an extension to completion. However, given the current state of material shortages and longer-than-normal lead-times to obtain equipment, the wait could be substantially longer. The process is complex, and if you are getting both electric and fiber, two different PUD crews complete the work. For an application and more information, along with answers to frequently asked questions, visit this link: [Line Extensions](#).

Pictured: PUD CNS Technician, Pat Barley.



Attention All PUD Water System Customers

If you are a customer served by one of our nine water systems, then we are trying to reach you. We recently sent postcards and emails notifying you of a survey in which your response is needed. As part of our efforts to keep your drinking water safe, we are conducting a cross-connection control hazard survey of all residential water customers. The purpose of the survey is to help us determine if any of our customers have special plumbing or conduct activities on their premises that could increase the risk of water system contamination. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete, and we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to respond. All those that submit their completed survey by the deadline of April 29, 2022, will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes. For more information or to participate in the survey, please visit: [Cross Connection Control Info](#).

Thank you.

Summer Internship Opportunities

The PUD has summer employment opportunities for those students who are eligible and qualified. The term of employment for all positions is approximately 3 months and may begin as early as mid-May (depending on school schedules).

The following positions are available to qualified students: **CNS Field Support, IT Support, Customer Service, Records Clerk, Warehouse, Occupational Safety, Vegetation Management, & Box Canyon Maintenance.**

Detailed position descriptions, application requirements and deadlines can be found on the careers link of our website here: [Internships](#). The original application deadline of April 1st has been extended.



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