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## Keep Your Energy Bill in Check This Winter!

With colder weather settling in, you might notice your energy bills creeping up. That's because your heating system is working overtime to keep your home warm. But don't worry—here are four easy ways to lower energy usage without sacrificing comfort:

- 1. Seal Drafts:** Check for drafts around windows and doors. A little weather stripping or caulk can go a long way in keeping the warm air inside.
- 2. Use a Programmable Thermostat:** Lowering your thermostat by just 3 degrees when you're away or asleep can reduce heating costs by 10%! We offer a rebate, see back.
- 3. Insulate Your Home:** Proper insulation means your heater doesn't have to work as hard, keeping warmth inside where it belongs.
- 4. Let the Sun In:** Open curtains during the day to let the sun naturally heat your home, and close them at night to keep the warmth in. *Small changes = Big savings. Stay cozy and save energy this winter!*



## 2025 Calendars Available Dec 9<sup>th</sup>



The 2025 calendars are almost here! Pick up your copy of the PUD Calendar at the Newport Administration Building drive through window or lobby (Mon-Thur 7am-5:30pm) or stop by the Box Canyon Visitor's Center (Mon-Thur 6am-4:30pm).

We hope you enjoy the 2025 calendar featuring so many wonderful photos taken by our customers throughout the county. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos – so many to choose from!

We accept photo submissions for the calendar throughout the year, if you have photographs you'd like to share with us featuring photos of scenery, recreation and wildlife taken in our county, please email them to: [communications@popud.org](mailto:communications@popud.org).

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!*

*Our offices will be closed for the holidays on  
Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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*Outages can always be reported by calling  
509-447-3137. Please stay safe and enjoy  
this special time of year.*

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## Stay Warm, Stay Safe: Essential Space Heater Tips for Fall & Winter



As the weather gets colder, portable electric space heaters can be a convenient way to keep your home warm, but they also pose significant fire and electrical hazards if not used properly. Each year, over 65,000 home fires are linked to heating equipment, causing hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries, and millions in property damage. Space heaters without proper safety features, placed too close to combustibles, or plugged in incorrectly are common fire risks.

### To stay safe while using space heaters, follow these important tips:

- Read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully.
- Inspect heaters for damage before each use, and do not use if damaged.
- Always turn off space heaters when leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials.
- Place heaters on flat, stable surfaces away from high-traffic areas.
- Plug heaters directly into a wall outlet, avoiding extension cords or power strips.
- Unplug and store heaters safely when not in use.

## Energy Efficiency Incentives

Did you know that the PUD offers multiple Energy Efficiency Incentives? Are you looking to save money and energy by making improvements around your home? If so, you've come to the right place. The PUD offers incentives to current residential electric customers under the following programs:

**Ductless Heat Pumps (\$800) Smart Thermostats (\$140)  
Clothes Washers (\$30)**

Our most popular program is the Ductless Heat Pump Incentive - a ductless heat pump is a highly efficient, and easily installed, primary heating and cooling system for homes and businesses. These systems are safe, quiet, and heat rooms evenly at a fraction of the cost of baseboard or wall heaters.

To learn more about the various incentives we offer, view the terms and conditions, or download an application, visit our website by navigating to "Energy Efficiency Rebates" under the Quick Links section or click here to go straight there: [REBATES](#)



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