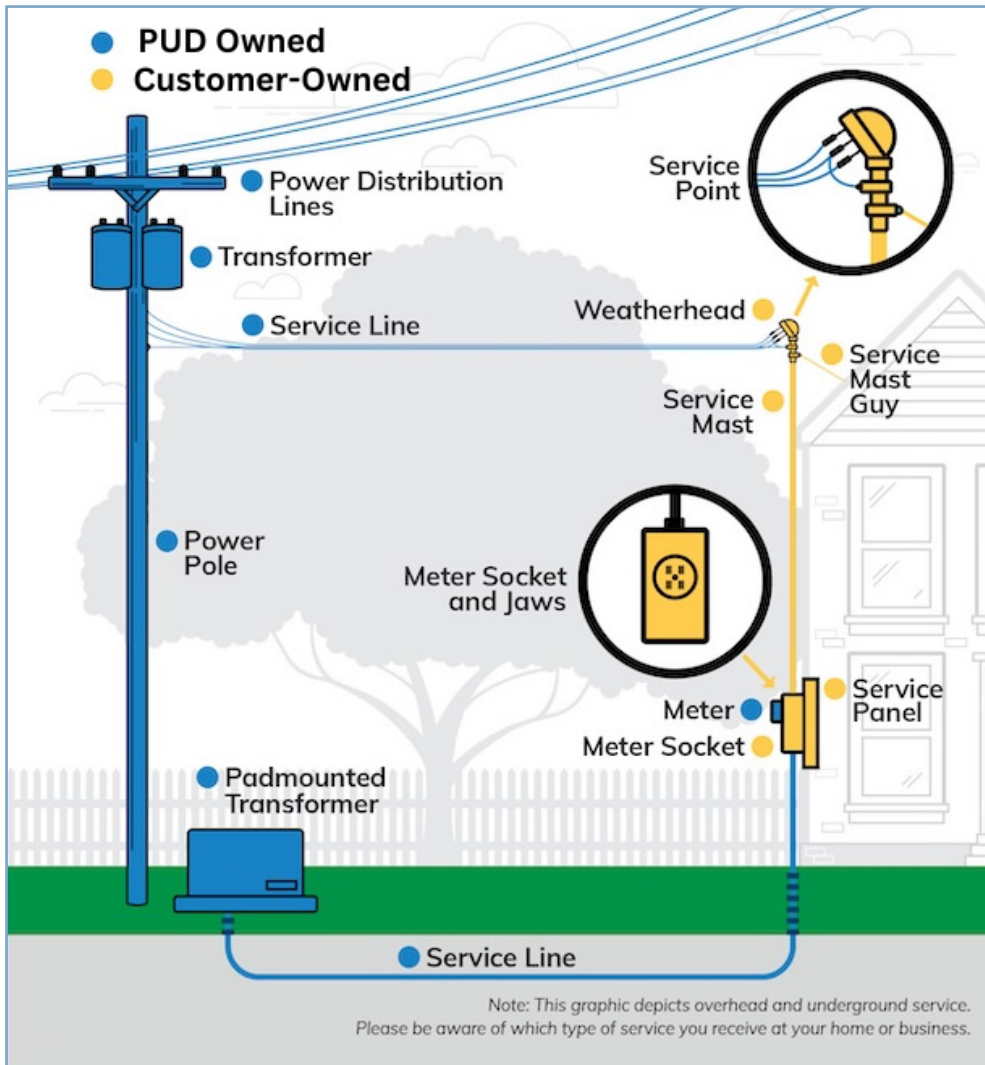


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SEPTEMBER 2025

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT? UNDERSTANDING YOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE EQUIPMENT



Delivering electricity safely to your home is a shared responsibility between Pend Oreille PUD and you, the customer. Knowing which parts of the system you're responsible for helps avoid confusion, and potential hazards, when repairs are needed.

Overhead Service

For customers who receive power with overhead lines:

PUD-Owned:

The overhead transformer, the wires from the PUD's distribution pole to your home and the electric meter itself.

Customer-Owned:

- **Meter Pole** – If your meter is mounted on a pole, the pole and all equipment on it, including the meter base and weatherhead, are your responsibility.
- **Meter Base** – The metal box that holds the meter.
- **Weatherhead and Service Entrance Cable** – The cable that runs from the weatherhead to your home's electrical panel.
- **Service Panel or Fuse Box** – Everything inside your home, including breakers and wiring.
- **Tree Trimming** – Customers must trim trees or vegetation around the service line leading to their home. For safety, only qualified professionals should work near overhead power lines.

Underground Service

For customers who receive power with underground lines:

PUD-Owned:

The pad-mounted transformer, conduit, and the conductor inside the conduit up to your meter base. The PUD also owns the meter.

Customer-Owned:

The meter base and all conduit, conductor, and equipment beyond the meter.

Always Hire a Professional

All electrical repairs and upgrades should be performed by a licensed electrician.

Find more information on electrical service equipment and safety tips at popud.org.

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FROM SUN TO SNOW: GET YOUR HOME READY FOR THE SEASONS AHEAD

It may still feel like summer but fall and winter are just around the corner. Taking steps now to winterize your home can help you stay warm and save on energy bills when temperatures drop.

Here are a few energy-smart tips to get started:

1. **Seal Up Drafts** – Use caulk or weather stripping around windows and doors to keep warm air in and cold air out.
2. **Check Your Insulation** – Make sure your attic and crawl spaces are properly insulated. It's one of the most cost-effective ways to boost energy efficiency.
3. **Service Your Heating System** – Schedule a tune-up for your furnace or heat pump to ensure it's running efficiently before the first cold snap.
4. **Upgrade Your Thermostat** – A programmable or smart thermostat can help you save energy by automatically adjusting the temperature when you're asleep or away.
5. **Reverse Ceiling Fans** – In cooler months, ceiling fans should spin clockwise to push warm air down.

Getting ahead of winter prep now can mean lower energy bills later, and a more comfortable home all season long.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Rural Resources will open applications for its Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) beginning Tuesday, October 1. This program helps eligible households with energy costs during the colder months.

Applications can be submitted by phone or online on specific dates. It's important to apply early, as funding is limited and processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For full details on how to apply, along with important dates and times, please visit: <https://ruralresources.org/apply-for-energy-assistance/>



Wood Pole Test & Treat Program Underway



Now through November, you may see PUD contractors testing our wood poles to maintain system reliability. Crews will have PUD signage, wear safety gear, and carry ID. They may use ATVs and will knock before entering private property. The process includes drilling to test pole integrity, tagging, and documenting poles. For questions, please contact us.



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