



CELEBRATING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Public Power Week begins October 5, and we have many reasons to celebrate!

We're joining more than 2,000 utilities nationwide in highlighting the value of public power. As your community-owned, not-for-profit utility, we're proud to provide low rates, high reliability, local control, and a strong community focus.

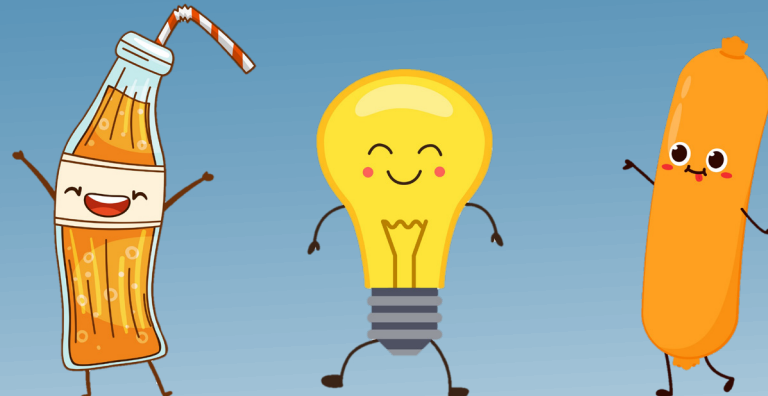
Stop by our PUD office in Newport or the Box Canyon Visitor's Center in Ione, Monday–Thursday, October 6–9, for free coffee, cookies, and cocoa.

And don't miss our brand-new community event, **Pops, Brats & Kilowatts**, happening Monday, October 6, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the PUD's Newport headquarters, and Thursday, October 9, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Box Canyon Dam. For the first time ever, we're serving up free food, games, and family fun, along with the opportunity to connect with PUD representatives and learn more about the benefits of your community-owned utility!



Thank you for being one of our 10,000+ customers. Together, we're celebrating the power of community!

Details above on our celebration with Pops, Brats & Kilowatts!!!



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Helping Wood Ducks Thrive in Pend Oreille County



Once nearly wiped out in the early 20th century, wood ducks have made a remarkable comeback. One big reason? Nest boxes that give these colorful waterfowl safe places to raise their young.

Here in Pend Oreille County, the PUD helps keep the recovery going. As part of the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, we maintain more than 35 nest structures along the reservoir. We also work with local groups and landowners to create and enhance shoreline habitats that support healthy waterfowl populations.

Interested in helping? The PUD has a limited number of nest boxes available for cavity-nesting waterfowl and can provide technical support if you'd like to get involved.

Contact us at information@popud.org to learn more!

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STAY SAFE THIS FALL: DOWNED POWER LINES

Autumn brings colorful leaves, cooler weather, and unfortunately, more chances for downed power lines, especially here in Pend Oreille County, where we are surrounded by dense forests and towering trees. Falling branches, storms, and wet conditions can create hidden dangers.

Remember these safety tips if you see a downed power line:

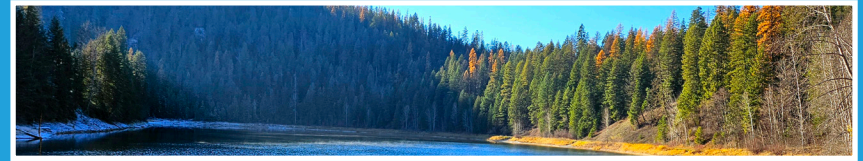
- **Stay back:** Always assume a downed line is live. Keep at least 35 feet away (about the length of a school bus).
- **Don't touch:** Never touch a downed line, anything it's in contact with, or anyone nearby who may be in contact with it.
- **Report it:** Call 911 and the PUD immediately if you see a downed line.
- **Drive carefully:** Avoid driving over downed lines or flooded areas where lines may be hidden.

As the leaves fall in our beautiful tree-filled county, take a moment to remind your family and neighbors that safety comes first. When it comes to electricity, it's always better to be cautious.



Interested in Your PUD's Policies?

From time to time, the PUD updates its policies to keep them current and responsive to customer needs. These policies cover our services - including electricity, water, and fiber - and are always available to the public. You can find the latest versions anytime on our website at popud.org.



Share Your Input on the Clean Energy Implementation Plan

The PUD regularly updates its Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) to guide how we provide reliable and sustainable power.

Community input helps us make informed decisions. You can complete the online survey at popud.org.



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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Tue, Oct 7 - Newport
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Pops, Brats & Kilowatts
Mon, Oct 6 - Newport
Thur, Oct 9 - Lone
3:30pm - 6:00pm