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JUNE 2023

NATIONAL DAM SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

National Dam Safety Awareness Day is May 31st which was created to encourage and promote individual and community responsibility and best practices for dam safety. There are a huge number of things that can go wrong near dams, so it is always best to avoid them and stay a safe distance away both upstream & downstream. Remember - keep your distance, keep your life. If you choose to go out on a waterway for recreational purposes, make sure you follow these tips:

- **KNOW THE AREA:** Check maps or speak with locals to get information about hazards on that waterway.
- **READ THE SIGNS:** Obey any and all posted signage and barriers in the area, including flood warnings, restricted access signs, portage signs, or other posted signs.
- **DRESS FOR DANGER:** Wear a personal floatation device and safety whistle if you are boating, fishing, swimming, or otherwise recreating in or around a waterway.
- **TELL SOMEONE YOUR PLANS:** Let someone know, such as a friend or family member, when and to where you are heading out, & let them know when you return so they know you are safe.
- **IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN TROUBLE, DO NOT ENTER:** Never enter the water yourself to try and help someone. Instead, call 911 and use a remote assistive device, such as a rope or throw bag, to try and pull them back to safety.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

Since spring has sprung, we are on our way to warmer weather and the first of this year's weed seeds are on the move. To help prevent the spread of noxious weeds throughout the year, avoid traveling through weed-infested areas with ATVs and other off-road vehicles. To avoid bringing weed seeds into new areas, it is important to be cautious when taking vehicles off-road as seeds easily get caught in the frames and tires of vehicles and can blow away or fall out in a new location. It is advised to thoroughly wash your vehicle after being off-road. If you would like more information on noxious weed prevention, treatment and resources that are available in our area, you can visit the Weed Board website at [Pend Oreille County Weed Board](#).

Noxious weeds are harmful to real estate and farm values, scenic beauty and tourism, quality of natural resources, economic activity overall, and livestock and wildlife.

Save the Date: Aquatic Plant Management Workshop is **July 14, 2023** (9am-4pm)
Registration will open mid-June.

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The PUD's 2022 Annual Report is now available and can be found on our website by visiting the main page or utilizing this link: [2022 Annual Report](#). In addition, a limited number of printed reports will be available at the Newport Administration Building drive-through window or lobby later this month.

Utility Crew Safety

If you're traveling and see one of our line or tree crews working on the side of the roadway, we kindly ask that you move over if possible and give them a little extra space to work safely. We care about the safety of all and this extra precaution helps to ensure just that.



Looking to Save? We offer a 1% discount to customers who wish to pay their electric bill for the coming year in advance. This is a once-a-year opportunity and is available during the month of June. Simply call our Customer Service Department to have your estimated annual billing amount calculated prior to making a payment.

Alternatively, you can sign up for budget billing which evenly distributes your monthly payment for the year to help normalize your expenses so you know what to expect. For those already on budget billing, budgets have been recalculated and will be applied to your June statement.



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