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Commissioners**

**Meeting Schedule**

**9 a.m.**

Monday 06/15/09

Monday 07/06/09

Monday 07/20/09

Monday 08/03/09

Monday 08/17/09

## FREE Mobile/Manufactured Home Duct Sealing

Is your home cold and drafty?

Does your home heat up slowly?

The air ducts that move warm air from your furnace or heat pump to the various rooms of your house can leak, warming your crawlspace rather than your house. We offer the following:

- FREE Duct Testing and Sealing for mobile homes with electric heat (a \$400 value)
- Save energy and money on your electric bill
- Have a warmer, more comfortable home
- A&A Air Duct Sealing, an independent contractor will provide the service
- Limited Offer to First 150 customers on a first come, first served basis



To sign up, please contact:  
Skamania PUD's  
Energy Efficiency Department at  
888-883-9879

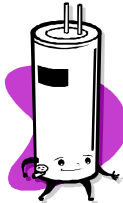
## Outdoor Watering

Use the following tips to save water (and money):

- Water in short repeated intervals for best absorption, especially for slopes or compacted soils.
- To reduce evaporation, water the lawn in the early morning or evening. Avoid watering during the heat of the day or when it is windy.
- Water root areas of your plants to establish hardiness. Installing a trickle or drip irrigation system provides for a slow, steady supply of water to the plant roots.
- Water only when needed. Frequency depends on plant and soil type.
- Low or non-water landscaping require minimum amounts of water.
- Place a 2" to 4" layer of mulch around plants and trees to avoid excess evaporation.
- Use native and adapted plants when landscaping your yard. These plants usually require less care and water.

## Yearly Reminder: Check Your Water Heater Settings

1. It is recommended that water heaters be set at no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit or the minimum setting on a water heater which cannot be set as low as 120 degrees to prevent severe burns and to reduce excessive energy consumption; and
2. The thermostat of an individual water heater furnished in a residential unit leased or rented in this state to new tenants shall be no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit or the minimum setting on a water heater that cannot be set as low as 120 degrees, pursuant to Chapter 19.28 R.C.W.



## Fun facts about Electricity

- A spark of static electricity can measure up to three thousand (3,000)volts.
- A bolt of lightning can measure up to three million (3,000,000) volts—and it lasts less than one second!
- Electricity always tries to find the easiest path to the ground.
- Electricity can be made from wind, water, the sun and even animal manure.
- If you traveled as fast as electricity, (about 300,000 kilometers per second – the speed of light), you could go around the world 8 times in the time it takes to turn on a light switch.

## Call Before You Dig 1-800-424-5555



Whether you are planning a major construction project or landscaping your yard, it is important to call for a line locate at least 48 hours before digging or excavating.

When calling, be prepared to give your name, phone number, service location, nearest cross road and any special instructions. The Northwest Utility Notification Center will then contact the proper utilities.

“Call Before You Dig” is a free service that can prevent dangerous and costly accidents.

## Help your Meter Reader

Even friendly dogs can be unpredictable when a stranger approaches. You can help our meter reader and service crew by confining your dog in an area away from your electric meter and notify us when you have a new pet.

Speaking of meters, it's a good idea to know where your meter is. If you have a hard time getting to it, so will we. Please take the time to make sure the path to your meter is easily accessible for all.

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