

Skamania County PUD's News From the Wire

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9 a.m.

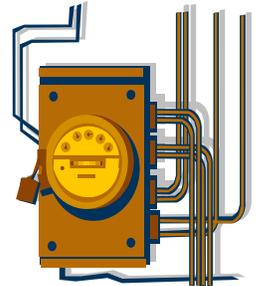
Monday	06/06/16
Monday	06/20/16
Monday	07/05/16
Monday	07/18/16
Monday	08/01/16
Monday	08/15/16

Access to Meter Critical For You, and your Utility

The electric meter and the equipment that delivers power belong to your utility; therefore, employees need clear access to it. The meter should be clear of all brush and household items. This will help our meter readers do their job efficiently.

Other obstacles for our meter reader are animals and gates. If your gate has a code or a key, please contact the PUD to make sure the meter reader has access to your meter.

One of the most important reasons for access to your meter is for emergency purposes. Say your house catches on fire while you are not home. Someone calls 911. The fire department arrives, and cannot begin to put out the fire until PUD disconnects the power. If access to your meter is a problem, they have no choice but to wait.



So please, take a moment to go outside, find your electric meter, and make sure it is accessible for all.

Going on Vacation?

When you're on vacation many of your appliances will continue to work. Appliances like the refrigerator, the freezer, the water heater and others will run normally; and that could lead to a surprising bill when you return. Just because you are not home, doesn't mean you are not using electricity. But, if you take a few simple steps before leaving, you can control your appliance energy bill.

- Freezers filled to capacity, with enough spaces between items, operate more efficiently than partially filled freezers.
- Increase the temperature setting on the refrigerator slightly, but no higher than 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Remove perishable foods.
- Turn off electric water heaters by switching off the circuit breaker.
- Decrease temperature setting for your heat, if need be.
- Turn spa heaters off, use covers, and reduce filter time to a safe minimum.
- Unplug all unnecessary appliances—especially “instant-on” electronics. They use electricity constantly, whether or not they are on.
- Ask a neighbor to keep an eye out rather than leaving lights on, or use a timer.

Water Conservation Tips

Saving water is easy and it starts with you!

When you use water efficiently, you save money on your water, gas, and energy bills too.

- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it. Use runoff water to water your indoor plants and garden.
- Make sure your home is leak-free. When you are certain that no water is being used, read the water meter. Wait 30 minutes and then read the meter again. If the meter readings change, you have a leak!
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home in the event of a water leak.
- The average bathroom faucet flows at a rate of two gallons per minute. Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth in the morning and at bedtime can save up to 8 gallons of water per day, which equals 240 gallons a month!
- Don't water your lawn on windy days. Sidewalks and driveways don't need water.
- Hose bibs are the faucets on the outside of your home where you connect your garden hoses. Don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes and hoses for leaks.
- Toilet flappers deteriorate, so they need to be checked every year to make sure they fit tightly over the flush tube. Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak. It is easy to fix, and can save more than 600 gallons a month.
- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive and can save 140 gallons a week.

Annual Fuel Mix

In accordance with State law RCW. 19.29A.050, Washington State PUD's must disclose their annual resource fuel mix once per calendar year. Disclosure labels rely on historical data, the prior calendar year. So, for example, the 2016 label information lists your PUD's resource fuel mix for 2015.

As Table 1 shows, through BPA, Skamania PUD receives power from five primary sources to ensure that you enjoy continued reliable electrical service.

Generation Type	Fuel Mix 2015
Large Hydro	83.6%
Nuclear	9.9%
Other	5.0%
Small Hydro	.9%
Wind	.6%

"Unaudited Data"

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 Reader comments are welcome.

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