



An Unusually Warm Winter Brings Concern for Water Conservation

What can we do as the critical dry period approaches this summer?

With unseasonably high temperatures this year, low snow accumulation and minimal streamflow, everyone is thinking water...how bad is it? Overall, Washington's snowpack is only 26 percent of its normal average with the Olympic Peninsula at 23 percent of the average year, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. In order for us to reach normal levels, we will need 2 or 3 times the normal snowfall in the next few months. The outlook is bleak, according to weather forecasters.

Efficient water use benefits all of our natural resources by keeping as much water in our natural environment as possible. Water system operators also benefit from everyone's efficient water use by lowering demand in periods of reduced supply. The Columbia River basin, where Bonneville produces its hydroelectric power, has received considerably less than its normal snowpack runoff. However, Bonneville Power anticipates meeting electrical loads and obligations throughout the Northwest this year. It is the future sales of surplus power that will be affected. For example, in the past, California and other states have purchased surplus power from Bonneville Power in the summer months. This may not be readily available this coming year. This sale of surplus energy helps to keep our rates lower.

With this in mind, what can we do now in our own homes and businesses?

- Wash only full loads of dishes in the dishwasher; don't pre-rinse the dishes.

- Fix leaking faucets (over 8% of all home water use is wasted through leaks).
- Wash only full loads of laundry.
- Limit your shower to 5 minutes or less. Baths can use up to 50 gallons of water; showers are much more efficient.
- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Consider installing low flow showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Outdoors, water only when needed, in the early morning or evening.
- Use a broom to clean your walk or driveways, instead of a hose.
- Minimize car washing at home; use commercial car washes that recycle water.
- Reuse clean household water. Collect all the water that is wasted while waiting for the hot water to reach your faucet. Do the same with water used to boil eggs or steam vegetables or ice cubes. Use this water for houseplants or outdoor plants.

Every little drop DOES count! Start thinking water conservation now!



PUD Commissioners Consider Water Conservation Rates

On March 21st, PUD Commissioners began to consider a conservation based rate that would change the way water customers would be billed for their water usage. A base rate would be applied for general water use for everyday living. After that point, should a customer go over that designated amount, the rates for the next levels of consumption would be higher. A decision will be made in the next few weeks.

Commissioners' Meetings

The Board of Commissioners, which you elect, normally meets on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Port Angeles office, 2431 East Highway 101.

The meetings are open to the public. For more information call (360) 565-3231 or (800) 542-7859, Ext. 231.

PUD MISSION STATEMENT

To provide reliable, efficient, safe, and low-cost utility services in a financially and environmentally responsible manner



Fuel Mix Disclosure

The electric energy Clallam County PUD provided to its customers came from the following resources:

Hydroelectric	83.09%
Nuclear	9.96%
Coal	4.17%
Landfill gas	1.49%
Natural gas	.88%
Other	0.41%
Total	100%

These statistics are for calendar year 2003.

Services, Programs, and Products

- Budget Payment Plan
- Bill payment by credit card and electronic fund transfer
- Low-income Senior Citizen Discount
- Low-income Disabled Citizen Discount
- Neighborly Assistance Program
- Electric safety demonstrations
- Speakers for clubs and organizations
- Loan program for energy-and water-efficiency improvements
- Manufactured home weatherization program



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The Challenge for Speed, Distance & Creativity

2005 Power for the Future Student Science Competition

Clallam County PUD hosted the 4th annual Power for the Future Student Science Competition on Saturday, March 19, 2005. Students designed and created a model land yacht that demonstrated an effective use of wind energy while competing in a performance challenge for speed, distance, creativity, use of recycled products and workmanship. Over 50 Clallam County students shared in the fun and learning experience!



Cameron Wolf and Kelvin Li with their winning entry, "The Supersonic Voyager"

Winning first place in speed for the elementary grades were Lauren Hefton and Hannah McNabb with their entry, "Soda". The greatest distance winner for the elementary grades was the land yacht, "New England Patriot" built by Autumn Ruddick and Miranda Morris. First place in creativity for the elementary grades went to Marlee Glatz and Jeffrey Glatz for their entry, "Diva Pop Machine." Cameron Wolf and Kelvin Li in the middle school division, swept the speed and distance first place awards with their entry, "The Supersonic Voyager." The very creative land yacht, "Glimfeather" designed by Mikayla Adams and Alex Norris won first place in the creativity category for the middle school entries.

Each year, Clallam County PUD hosts the Power for the Future competition in our continuing effort to support our community and its growth in the area of alternative energy. We appreciate the efforts of many of our local teachers, Joe Landoni with Sequim Middle School, Linda Plenart with Franklin Elementary School and Nancy McHenry with Dry Creek Elementary School, for their enthusiasm and promotion of this special event for our students.

Residential Energy Efficiency Rebates & Loans Available

Thinking of remodeling? Updating your windows? Maybe adding some insulation to your manufactured home? Clallam County PUD has weatherization rebates and low interest loans available to District customers!

Here are just a few of the rebates available:

- Heat Pump Retrofit (for homes built before January 2000)
- Windows for site built homes (built before 1992)
- Windows for manufactured homes (built before 1992)
- Insulation for manufactured homes (built before 1992)
- Qualifying Energy-Efficient Water Heater
- Qualifying Energy Star Compact Fluorescent Fixtures
- Solar
- Purchase of a Super Good Cents Manufactured Home
- Insulated Exterior Doors
- Programmable Thermostats for Electric Heating
- Air Sealing for site built and manufactured homes (built before January 2000)
- Duct Sealing and Duct Insulation for site built homes (built before January 2000)

Call 565-3249 or 800-542-7859, ext. 249 today to find out about these programs. Low interest loans are available for these energy efficient measures.