

# HOTLINE

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Commissioner Simpson poses with the new lineman cutout.



PUD Commission meetings are Open to the Public.



Commissioners grill hot dogs for Public Power Week (Oct. 2016).



Commissioner Simpson and GM Doug Nass address the Forks Chamber.



Tyler King discusses energy usage at the Public Power Week Event.

## \$5 BILL CREDIT!

Sign up online between November 7 and December 31, 2016 at www.clallampud.net for both Auto Pay and Paperless Billing and receive a one time \$5 credit on your bill AND be entered to win an iPad mini 4.\*





\*Must be enrolled in the PUD's new SmartHub account management web portal for both Auto Pay and Paperless billing for a full 12 months to receive the one-time \$5 credit and be entered to win iPad. Drawing to be

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PUD Mission: Providing reliable, efficient, safe and low-cost utility services in a financially and environmentally responsible manner.

**DOUG NASS** 

## **Carbon Free Power**

### Dear Customers,

Here at Clallam PUD we can be proud of the abundance of carbon free electricity we offer. While the Bonneville Power Administration's clean

and renewable hydro system is our main source of power, another significant carbon free source comes from Energy Northwest.

Energy Northwest is a joint action agency created in 1957 by the state legislature to serve the needs and aggregate the strengths of public power. The agency represents the convergence of small and big public power with a 27 member consortium of PUDs and municipalities across the state, benefiting more than 1.5 million ratepayers, greatly contributing to Washington's clean energy mix as a 100 percent carbon-free utility.

Energy Northwest owns and operates a diverse portfolio of clean air generating facilities, in addition to the Columbia Generating Station nuclear plant: White Bluffs Solar Station, Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project and the Nine Canyon Wind Project. Clallam PUD is one of the 27 members and a part of the Hydroelectric Project and Columbia clean air sources.

With the push toward carbon free energy sources, non-carbon-emitting nuclear is very important. Nationwide, nuclear provides 19 percent of the electricity generated, and 63 percent of the carbon-free electricity. It also has one of the lowest life-cycle carbon emission profiles of all sources of electricity.

This past year support for nuclear power was strong in the State of Washington as well. The Washington State Democratic Central Committee, representing all state Democrats, passed resolution 786 supporting Columbia Generating Station. "We acknowledge [Columbia Generating Station] as a critical part of low-carbon electrical power generation in Washington state and the Pacific Northwest," the resolution stated. And, Governor lay Inslee also recognized the importance of the Columbia Generating Station in his Nuclear Science Week Proclamation.

For Clallam PUD, 98% of our power is carbon free with hydro at about 88% and nuclear power accounting for about 10% of our energy portfolio. This is something we should all take great pride in – I know I do.

Thank you,

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Doug Nass, General Manager

## **Contact PUD**

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Your PUD's electricity comes from the following fuel mix:

Hydroelectric:	88.03%
Nuclear:	10.05%
Coal:	0.92%
Wind:	0.55%
Natural Gas:	0.38%
Biomass:	0.04%
Waste:	0.02%
Petroleum:	0.01%
Total	100.00%

### **Commissioners**

Clallam County Public Utility District #1 is directed by a three-member board of commissioners elected by the citizens of the county. Our Board holds public meetings most Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at our Carlsborg Main Office, 104 Hooker Road. Call (360) 565-3231 or (800) 542-7859, or visit www.clallampud.net, for more information.



Will Purser
President, District #1

Will Purser has served as District 1 PUD Commissioner since appointment in April 2001. He represents the 1st District, which is the Eastern part of the County. Commissioner Purser recognizes that the issues of energy,

water, and waste disposal are critical to the quality of life of Clallam County residents now and in the future. He also serves on the Energy Northwest Board of Directors' Executive Board. Energy Northwest is a Joint Operating Agency of 28 public utilities operating nuclear, hydroelectric, wind, and solar projects.

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Hugh Haffner

Vice President, District #2

Hugh Haffner has been Commissioner since 1994, when he was appointed to a two year term. He represents the 2nd District, which encompasses areas surrounding the City of Port Angeles. Commissioner Haffner has

been working with municipal, state and federal officials to bring fiber optic backbone to the county and researching and developing strategies for a county-wide fiber optic network. With real-time, two-way connections to our power stations and our customers we can regulate power flow and provide better, more economical service.

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Ted Simpson
Secretary, District #3

Ted Simpson was elected in 1985. He represents the 3rd District, which is the West part of the County. Commissioner Simpson is a proponent for safe, reliable, and affordable utility service for all PUD customers. "Our

current challenge will be to integrate new renewable (Green) resources into our system at an affordable cost, while complying with State and Federal Laws".

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# Take Control of Your Electric Account with Clallam PUD's New SmartHub

You may have heard about SmartHub, Clallam PUD's new innovative tool for account management, but what can it do for you? SmartHub can help you take control of your electricity and your PUD account like never before.

SmartHub has several features that make managing your account as easy as possible. Whether through the web, or your smartphone or tablet (Android or iOS), you'll be able to pay your bill, view your electricity use, contact customer service and much more.

As soon as you log in, you'll be able to view your billing history and make a payment with just a couple of clicks... or taps, if you're using the app! You'll be able to see your current bill, along with bills from the previous month or even the previous summer, if you want to compare costs. Not only will you see your billing history, but you'll be able to view your actual electricity use. You can see how your use is trending over time, which will allow you to take steps to reduce your consumption and lower your bill.

Making payments through SmartHub is fast and easy. The first time you make a payment either through the Web or through your mobile device, you'll be able to securely store your payment information for future transactions. The next time you need to pay your bill, it will only take a couple of clicks.

You'll also be able to manage your account

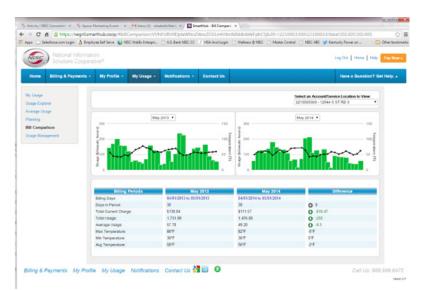
notifications with SmartHub. By logging in to SmartHub on the Web, you'll be able to select how you want to be notified about your bill, including email and text messaging.

If you do need to drop off a payment or stop by our office, SmartHub can help you there as well. Use SmartHub's map feature on your GPS-enabled mobile device to find the closest branch or office location.

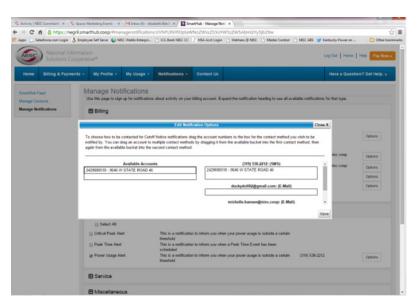
You can also contact the PUD with a request, a question or for customer service. SmartHub's contact feature makes it quick and easy.

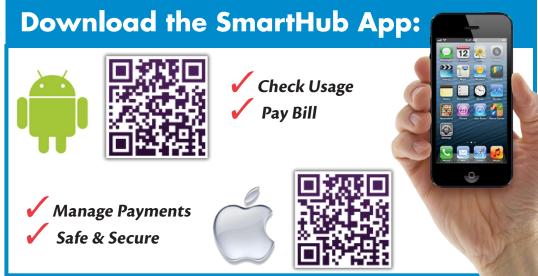
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Stay connected with us through SmartHub. With the SmartHub news feed, you'll get the latest news, updates and more from Clallam PUD, all without leaving the app or the web page.



Access SmartHub by visiting Clallam PUD's website at www.ClallamPUD.net or by downloading the app on your mobile device through the Apple App Store (iPhone or iPad) or Google Play Marketplace (Android phone or tablet).





# Understanding Your Utility Bill

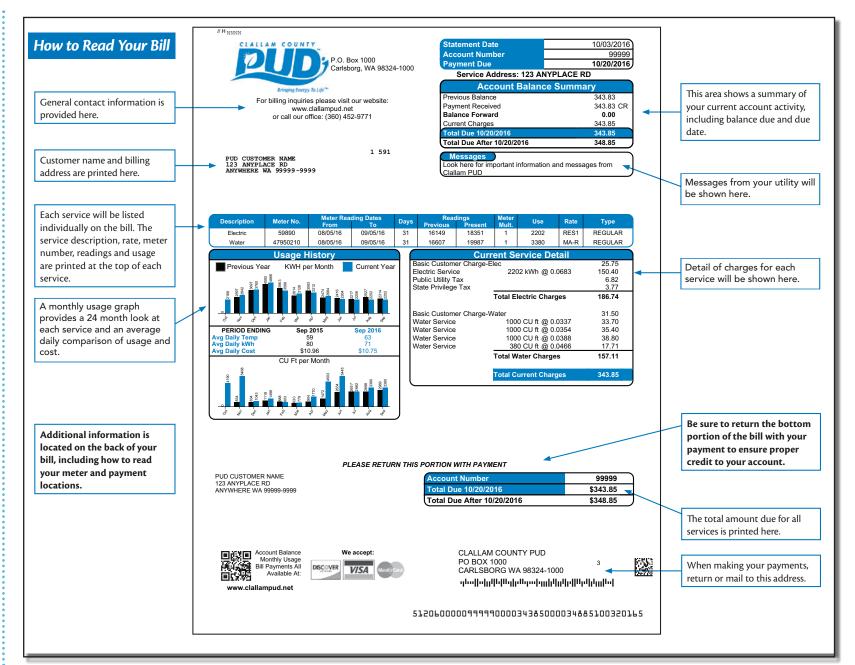


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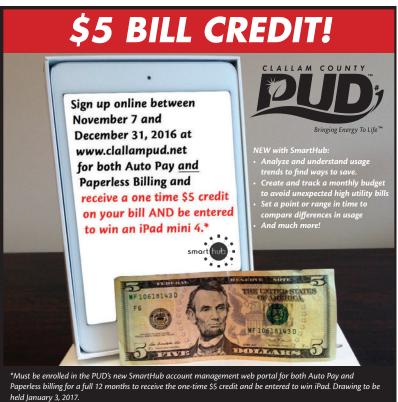
We are excited to announce that in early November the PUD changed to a new bill format. The new design responds to what customers have indicated they want and provides customers with the most information possible, in the best format possible.

**Features** of the new bill include graphs that provide customers with a 12-month usage history at a glance, average cost per day of each service, and the ability to print important messages. A return envelope will be included in each billing as well.

If you have questions about your bill, please contact your local PUD customer office.







### **SmartHub Quick Facts**

- SmartHub is FREE and lets you manage all aspects of your utility account 24/7 online or with your mobile device.
- View all your accounts on one screen, so you can manage multiple properties at once and even pay all with a single payment.
- Provides current and historical billing information and payment history, along with weather data to help you better understand your usage.
- Go green! Sign up for Paperless Billing and Auto Pay.
- Receive email and text notifications about activity on your account.
- Do more without the need to call an office to service your account, pay your bill, update mailing information, or report service issues.
- Need more time? Now you can apply for a payment extension online.

## There's An App for That!





Scan the QR code for your device, or search for "SmartHub app" to download the free app!





For more information, including enrollment instructions, visit our website.

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## **NEW HOURS**



Effective Monday, November 7, Customer Service office hours will change to 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.\*

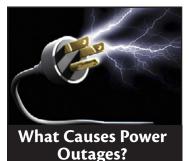
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# BE PREPARED!

## FOR UNFORSEEN POWER OUTAGES

Visit www.clallampud.net/emergency-planning for more info.





Trees • Digging
Storms • Animals/Birds
Car Accidents
Equipment Failure

### Disaster Readiness Kit:

It's always a good idea to have a disaster readiness kit on hand in the event of a power outage or other, more serious, situation. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days.

The Clallam County Emergency Management Department has valuable information available on their web site at <a href="https://www.clallam.net/EmergencyManagement">www.clallam.net/EmergencyManagement</a>.

Items you want to have on hand in case of emergency:

Flashlight Battery-Operated Radio Extra Batteries • Bottled Water Wind-up or Battery- Operated Clock

Telephone with Cord Manual Can Opener

DON'T FORGET!
Non-Perishable Food
First Aid Kit • Warm Clothing
Sleeping bags • Medications
Important Phone #s
Pet Food

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOUR POWER GOES OUT:

**Check your fuse or breaker box** for blown fuses or tripped breakers. If they're OK, see if your neighbors have power.

Call us immediately. You will be asked for details on the outage. The PUD's outage management system identifies outage sites by the phone number used to report them. If your contact information has changed, and you have not notified us of that change, please do so now. Help us help you! Please call 360-452-9771 or 800-542-7859.

**Turn off all electrical appliances** to help prevent damage to your electrical items when power is restored.

Listen to the radio (battery-powered with extra batteries on hand) for updates on major storms. If you have internet access, check our website for outage information at www.clallampud.net

If your lights are too dim or too bright once power is restored, turn off the power at the breaker or fuse box and call the PUD at 360-452-9771 or 800-542-7859.

#### PLAN AHEAD:

**Never use candles!** Have several flashlights with extra batteries and/or non-electric lamps on-hand and ready for use.

Have an emergency plan for relocating those most susceptible to the cold to a warm and safe place. The PUD does not guarantee uninterrupted

Ask for this booklet at our customer offices or when you see our displays at events.

Visit www.clallampud.net/ emergency-planning





service to homes where a serious medical condition exists.

Cordless phones don't work during an outage. Have a standard (corded) telephone and/or fully-charged cell phone with extra batteries as back-ups. Note: Cell phone towers can be impacted during outages.

**Have an emergency plan for checking on those who may need help** during storms and outages – and a back-up plan if phones are out.

Automatic garage door openers won't work if the power is out. Check to see if you have a manual override; know how to use it.

**Keep freezers closed during an outage.** Full freezers can keep food frozen for about two days – one day if less than full.

Make a habit of backing up computer files to prevent loss of data.

#### **DOWNED POWER LINE SAFETY**

- >> Call the PUD immediately if you see any downed power lines.
- >> Stay back 100' or more from downed power lines AND anything they touch. Keep kids and pets away.
- ▶ If a power line falls on your vehicle, don't get out! Wait for help.
- ▶ If a power line is touching someone, stay away. Call 911 for help!

#### INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- Please consider purchasing a back-up generator for use during extended outages for those dependent upon home medical life support.
- ➤ Keep a spare, charged battery for motorized scooters or wheelchairs.
- ➤ Keep at least a 5 day supply of essential medications on hand!

#### **GENERATOR SAFETY**

- → Only operate your generator **OUTSIDE** in a dry, well-ventilated area!
- **▶ DO NOT** attach a generator to your fuse or breaker panel. Consult your local PUD office for assistance.
- **→ ALWAYS** follow your generator's operating manual carefully!



## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR

Over the course of the summer and into the fall our communities have heard many presentations about the Cascadia Subduction Zone and what will likely happen if "The Big One" hits our area. In June of this year the entire region, including your PUD, participated in the Cascadia Rising drills. Then in October there was the "ShakeOut" event where we again practiced what to do in an earthquake.

Let's be clear though, it's the potential big Cascadia event that causes the most concern for our service area. We have heard the presentations from the experts about how we can expect bridges to be out across the county, creating what are essentially "islands" until they are repaired. We also know that if the big one hits that our small communities will likely not receive the attention of the more populated communities along the I-5 corridor, which means we may need to wait even longer for assistance.

What we want to make you aware of is that if and when the Cascadia Subduction Zone big event occurs, we all may be without power and other utilities for an extended time period. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is Clallam PUD's electricity provider and they have two transmission lines that feed our area. Both of those lines are in the same right of way. That means if one goes down, they likely both go down.

Due to the potential magnitude of the Cascadia Subduction Zone, we anticipate that if the big one hits our area could be without power for at least 30 days, and perhaps even longer. That is not because our crews and staff, who are also your neighbors and will be in the same situation as you, won't want to be working to restore power but there may be little they can do immediately.

The PUD has a current Emergency Response Plan and is ready to respond in any emergency to restore power and other utilities. We have mutual aid agreements with utilities nearby and across the country. We are prepared - yet we are reliant upon the transmission lines that deliver power to our area, so there is only so much



As prepared as we are, please know we can't do it all. No matter how much we, or other agencies prepare, following a Cascadia event, there simply won't be enough manpower to immediately reach everyone that has been



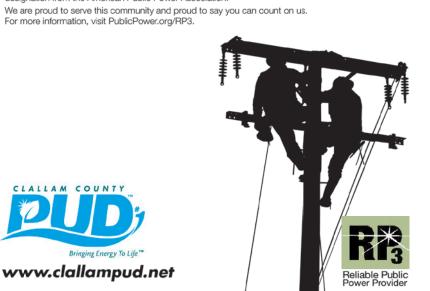
impacted. It's critical that we all develop a family communication plan, stockpile food and water and keep essential emergency supplies in your home.

Are you prepared? If you need help preparing, a great place to start is our website: www.clallampud.net/emergency-planning/



- It means we are amongst the best in the nation when it comes to:
- · Reliability.
- Safety.
- · Work Force Development, and
- System Improvement.

As a result, we have received a Reliable Public Power Provider - or RP3designation from the American Public Power Association.



# **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**Donate to the Neighborly Assistance Program



By donating a few dollars a month, you can help keep the lights on for a growing number of needy families and seniors. Through our Neighborly Assistance Program, you can bring light and warmth to your Clallam County neighbors through one-time or recurring donations to any or all of the following agencies: Olympic Community Action Programs, Sequim Community Aid, and Sequim St. Vincent de Paul. It's simple! Just complete the form below, enclose it with your bill payment and/or drop it off at a PUD office. The form is also available online: www.clallampud.net/customer\_service/NeighborlyAssistance.pdf

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Acct. No::\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone No::\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
My choices for participation in the Neighborly Assistance Program are indicated below.
This replaces any previous pledges.

I prefer to be billed, beginning with my next statement, as follows:

Please bill \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ months.

Please bill \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ every month until I contact the PUD to cancel.

I prefer a one-time contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_
I want my one-time or monthly contribution of: \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go to Olympic Community Action Programs

\$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Sequim Community Aid

\$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Sequim St. Vincent de Paul

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## Renewable

In the Northwest, hydropower provides 90% of our renewable energy.

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Bringing Energy To Life\*\*

NEW with SmartHub:

Create and understand usage
trends to find ways to save.

Create and track a monthly budget
to avoid unexpected high utility bills
Set a point or range in time to
compare differences in usage

And much more!

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