

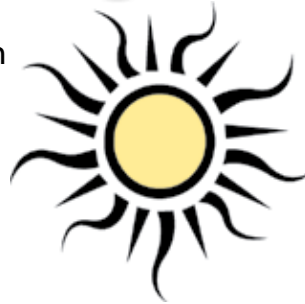
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Top Tips for Summer Savings

August is typically the hottest month of the year in Oregon. As the mercury rises, so does the cost of cooling your home, but there ARE steps you can take to keep your electric bill under control. Here are some simple summer savings tips to keep your summer cool:



-  **Seal up your home**—Invest in caulk and weatherstripping to plug drafts as you notice them. This project can cost as little as \$10.
-  **Close your blinds**—Rooms get hotter without curtains to block the sunlight.
-  **Use fans**—A breeze makes the room feel a few degrees cooler. Just be sure to turn it off when you leave.
-  **Replace lightbulbs**—Replace your energy-hungry and heat-producing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents (CFLs). Consumers save up to \$50 per CFL because they use a quarter of the energy of incandescent light bulbs and last ten times longer.
-  **Unplug**—Gadgets like phone chargers and TVs suck energy and generate heat as long as they're attached to a power source. Plug them into a power strip that can be turned off when not in use.
-  **Program your thermostat**—By investing in a programmable thermostat (\$35 to \$115), you can save 10% on cooling and heating bills each year.
-  **Plan for vacationing**—Just because you're not home doesn't mean you're not using electricity. Unplug all unnecessary appliances. Turn off the air conditioning and water heater at the breaker panel. Put a few lights on a timer system for security.
-  **Wash smart**—Use the air for drying. Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes. Wash with COLD water.
-  **Cook smart**—During hot weather, avoid using major appliances or use them during cooler evening hours. Your dishwasher, clothes washer, dryer, and oven generate heat and make your air conditioning work harder. When cooking, use the stovetop, microwave, or grill outside.

Did You Know?

90%

90% of the energy used for washing clothes is for heating the water.

75%

CFLs use 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.

20-50

Computers in idle/screensaver mode use 20-50 times the power of computers in standby mode.

10%

Only 10% of the electricity incandescent bulbs consume is used to make light. The rest is wasted as heat.

5-8%

Phantom energy use accounts for 5-8% of all home energy consumption and costs the average household \$60 to \$100 a year.

Connect With EPUD!

EPUD now offers three new ways for Customer-Owners to connect with us and stay up-to-date with energy saving tips, utility news, photos, and outage updates.



Become a fan on Facebook for energy saving tips, utility news, and event information.



Follow us on Twitter for the above information PLUS proactive outage alerts and updates.



View our Flickr page for photos of everything EPUD—people, places, events!

Find us at:

www.epud.org, which includes links to all the below sites

On **Facebook**, search for "Emerald People's Utility District"

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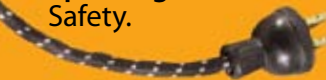
Reminder:

EPUD will be closed
September 7 for the
Labor Day Holiday.

Electric Safety Tip

If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker, or has given you a shock, unplug it and have it repaired or replaced.

For more safety tips, visit www.epud.org, About EPUD, Electric Safety.



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Employee Spotlight Customer Service Department

Ever wonder who answers the phone when you call? Who opens and closes your account, helps you pay your bill and answers all your payment and account questions? Meet the EPUD Customer Service Team! Judy (employee since 7/88) enjoys quilting, drag racing, and reading. DeeAnn (employee since 8/94), enjoys being with



Back: Sandy, Jennifer, Judy
Front: Kristine, Ray, DeeAnn

her family and horses on their ranch and sewing show clothes for her daughters. Ray (employee since 5/04) likes to bicycle, cook, garden, and play the guitar. Kristine (employee since 5/05) is a big movie buff and enjoys decorating her home and spending time with her three dogs. Jennifer (employee since 07/08) likes to attend UO football games, raft and camp. Sandy (employee since 5/85), enjoys tandem bicycling, race walking and hiking/camping. Alicia (not pictured) is the Customer Service Supervisor. Employed with EPUD since June of this year, she enjoys fishing, reading and being with her two dogs.

EPUD in Your Community

In July, EPUD was in parades in Creswell, Cottage Grove, Coburg, Marcola, and Lowell; and hosted Ice Cream Socials in Creswell, Cottage Grove, Coburg and Marcola. EPUD employees and their families also participated in the Relay for Life Marathon. Team EPUD walked for 24 hours around the Eugene LCC track and raised more than \$2,000 in support of cancer research.

Two EPUD solar projects were also recently energized. The Ron Petitti Pavilion photovoltaic installation in Creswell has 11 panels, generating 2,283 kilowatt-hours per year. Veneta City Hall has 18 panels and generates 3,900 kilowatt-hours a year, about enough to power the average home for four months. EPUD supports the development of small-scale renewable energy systems. Call us to learn more about programs to decrease the environmental impact of your energy use, save money on your bills, and earn incentives!



For more information on EPUD in your community, visit www.epud.org, My Community.

Call Before You Dig!

Before you find your shovel and start those summer projects, make sure you call 811! Besides being required by law, calling 811 before beginning any excavation prevents damage to underground facilities, service interruptions, and bodily injury.

The Utility Notification Center is open 24 hours a day, every day, and accepts calls from contractors, homeowners, or anyone planning to dig in Oregon. Calling before you dig ensures that any publicly-owned underground facilities will be marked according to the APWA Color Code so you can dig safely.

For more information visit www.callbeforeyoudig.org.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.