



Ductless Heat Pump Pilot Project

EPUD is looking for ten customers to participate in a pilot project for the installation of ductless heat pump systems (DHPs). This is part of a region-wide effort with the Bonneville Power Administration to determine the costs and potential energy savings of DHPs in the Pacific Northwest. EPUD is offering a \$1500 rebate and a zero-interest loan up to \$7500 for qualifying systems. State and Federal tax credits may also be available.

What are Ductless Heat Pumps? Ductless heat pumps are a type of air-source heat pump where the air is delivered directly to the room of a home rather than through a central air handler and ductwork. They provide both heating and air conditioning. DHPs are a proven technology, developed over 30 years ago to efficiently serve the Japanese housing market. And while DHPs have become the preferred heating and cooling systems in Asia and much of Europe, they are relatively new to the Pacific Northwest. While energy savings will vary by home, it is estimated that you may use 25% to 50% less energy to heat your home with a DHPs.

Because this is a Pilot Project, requirements for participation are very specific. Homes must be site-built and have permanently-installed electric zonal heat such as baseboards, wall heaters, or ceiling heat. If you currently have a heat pump or furnace, or have a gas line to your home, you are not eligible for the program. In addition, the billing history consumption must show winter usage, you must have occupied the home for at least the past year and expect to occupy the home for the next two years, and must agree to make your billing history available to the project.

If you are interested in participating and meet the above requirements contact EPUD at 746-1583. An EPUD Energy Analyst will visit your home to determine eligibility and explain the program. Remember, we have a limited number of slots available and time is limited (installs must be completed by the end of September), so please call soon.