Brrrrr, it's cold. Increase your energy savings and reduce your bill with these quick and easy tips:

- Lower your thermostat when you go to bed or when you're not home. Use a programmable thermostat, so it's automatic. Every degree lowered can decrease the heating portion of your energy bill by 2 percent.
- Make it a habit to shut off lights, computers and other devices when you're not using them. Consider plugging electronic devices into an energy smart strip.
- Close your fireplace damper when there's no fire. Leaving it open is like having a 48-inch-square hole in your house.

For more Energy Saving Tips visit https://www.cowlitzpud.org/energy-saving-tip
Send in your Energy Saving Tips to adietz@cowiltzpud.org (with pictures if you have them!) for a chance to WIN an Energy Saving Smart Strip.

Lunch and Learn
January 17th & February 7th 12-1:30
Have questions about your bill? Wondering how you can make some energy saving changes? Sign-Up today for our lunch and learn sessions with energy experts and customer service reps.

PUD raised over $2,500 at the 27th Annual Holiday Parade

Congratulations to Ed Hamilton, the winner of our SmartThermostat from Public Power Week!

2018
HAVE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!
ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN OUTAGE?

Bad weather in the fall and winter brings a greater chance of power outages - normally caused by high winds and falling trees and limbs.

Even though bad weather in the fall and winter months is the primary cause of power outages, your power can go out anytime of the year and for any number of reasons. Typically a power outage will last 2-4 hours, but in severe weather conditions a power outage can last all day or more. If you’re prepared for an outage it is much easier to endure.

Plan ahead and make sure you have the following items on hand:
- A 2-3 day supply of canned/packaged food and fresh water (bottled)
- Blankets
- Flashlight and radio, with fresh batteries. Make sure you know where they are to make it easy to find them in the dark.

ALSO:
Make sure to have a "corded" telephone available and a phone jack to plug it into. Cordless phones do not work when the power is off.
Know how to operate your garage door manually. Electric garage doors will not work when the power is off.
Teach your kids to never touch a downed line and to tell an adult if they see one.
Outage Alert Hotline 360-423-1200 or toll-free 1-855-49POWER

Is Your Home Prepared?
We can help! Cowlitz PUD offers free Home Energy Audits (especially recommended for homes pre-1992). Sign-Up now for a free home energy audit at: www.cowlitzpud.org/form/energy-audit or call Energy Efficiency at 360.423.2210

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