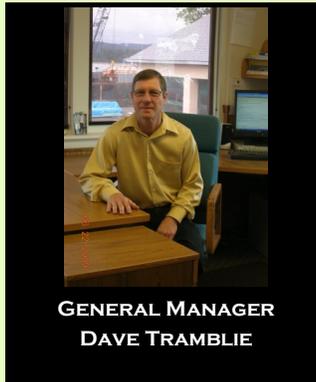




From the desk of Dave Trambie, General Manager

Wahkiakum PUD purchases 100% of its energy requirements from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Beginning October 2011, BPA is proposing a new rate structure based on load growth consumption. Because BPA's resources are limited, Wahkiakum PUD will be allocated only a portion of BPA's primary resources (Tier I). This allocation of primary resources covers our current energy needs, but it will not fully cover our future energy needs.

Our energy needs above the BPA Tier I allocation will most likely be fulfilled by BPA's alternate resources (Tier II), but they will be more costly. We can all help reduce our dependency on Tier II energy through conservation. While BPA is currently our most cost-effective Tier II energy source, the commissioners and management will continue to research other options.



**GENERAL MANAGER
DAVE TRAMBIE**

Congratulations to the final winners of the CFL Lightbulb Kit Give-a-Way! This year the PUD gave away 1923 kits to its customers. If everyone replaced their incandescent bulbs with the CFL bulbs from their kits, Wahkiakum PUD customers would save \$43,689 in one year!



FROM YOUR COMMISSIONERS

As we enter into our contract with BPA, an issue of concern is the cost of power needed to serve load growth over the next 20 years. Potentially, this load growth power could be very expensive. There are a number of ways to help offset this increased expense, including conservation, peak-shaving, net metering incentives and micro-generation.

At this time, we intend to put serious effort toward conservation. Having crunched the numbers on our CFL project, we were quite pleased; these seemingly insignificant little light bulbs possess huge potential savings. What is really exciting about conservation is the opportunities we have to go further.

Currently, the largest single consumption of power we have in Wahkiakum County is residential heating, which offers significant savings potential. That is why we have staff whom recently completed energy audit training through BPA. This training will allow us to assist our rate-payers in achieving significant energy savings. We are pleased to offer this resource to the community.

Basics for Home and Business Owners

Doing Construction or Improvements?

The Electrical Program at the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) conducts electrical inspections to ensure the safety of all Washington citizens, whether at home or at work. Need an L&I electrical permit and inspection? Find out how to purchase your permit & request your L&I inspection by calling 360-575-6900 or visiting their office at 900 Ocean Beach Hwy, Longview.



Call Before You Dig

If you plan to dig, call for free locates at least two business days before you start your project.

1-800-424-5555 or 811

\$\$ Paying Your Utility Bill by Check, Money Order or Bill Payer?

Please ensure your **customer number** is on your payment. This is a sure way to make sure your payment gets applied to the correct account.

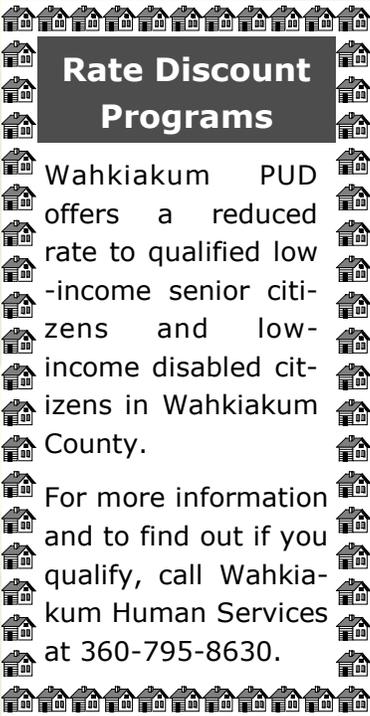
Want to know when your utility account is due?

- Customers west of Cathlamet to Salmon Creek: payments are due by the last day of the month
- Customers in Town of Cathlamet, east to County Line, and Puget Island: payments are due by the 15th of each month

*Paying someone else's account? Be sure to bring their **Customer Number** to be sure the payment is applied to the correct account.*

Commissioners' Meetings

8:30 AM the first and third Tuesday of each month.



Rate Discount Programs

Wahkiakum PUD offers a reduced rate to qualified low-income senior citizens and low-income disabled citizens in Wahkiakum County.

For more information and to find out if you qualify, call Wahkiakum Human Services at 360-795-8630.

Meet The Crew

Meet Wahkiakum PUD's Water Department! Jim, Doug and Bruce care for the needs of planning, repair and maintenance of over 830 active water meters in Wahkiakum County. Joining them this summer will be Bryan Tarabochia and Allen Hampton to assist the crew on Puget Island as they make improvements on SR 409. Help keep them safe, by watching out for the crew this summer.



Jim Jespersen, Doug Condon and Bruce McClain

WAHAKIAKUM PUD

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Wahkiakum PUD accepts check, money orders and cash at any of our locations:

Cathlamet Office

Mon—Fri 8:00—4:30 PM

Rosburg Store

Mon—Sat 7:00—6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00—6:00 PM

Cathlamet Drop Box

Cathlamet PUD Parking Lot

24 Hr. 7 Days Week

HOLIDAY CLOSURES



Wahkiakum PUD will be closed to recognize the following holidays:

- Sept 7 Labor Day
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving
- Dec 25 Christmas Day

PENNY WISE: ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADDS UP! *Helping Save You Money*

 By reading this guide, you are on your way to saving energy and valuable dollars in your home.

The goal of this column is to provide proven no-cost or low-cost energy and water saving techniques to reduce the costs to families in Wahkiakum County.

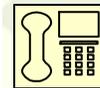
CAP's Weatherization program weatherizes homes in Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties. This program helps families save money and keep warmer in the winter by eliminating general heat loss.

A home energy audit is conducted by a CAP Weatherization Field Technician to determine what energy measures would make the home more energy efficient. Some possible energy measures may include insulation being installed in the attic, floors and/or walls, caulking, weather-stripping, and window treatments.

The work is completed by a bonded and insured contractor. There is no charge to participate in this program.

Applications for this program are taken year round. Single homes and multi-units may be weatherized, as well as mobile homes. Weatherization is available to both homeowners and renters.

There are income guidelines to determine eligibility. Please call to find out if you qualify at 360-425-3430 or stop by CAP's office at 1526 Commerce Avenue in Longview for more information.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Customer Service: 360-795-3266
Toll free west-end: 360-465-2171

BUSINESS HOURS

Monday—Friday

8:00—4:30 PM

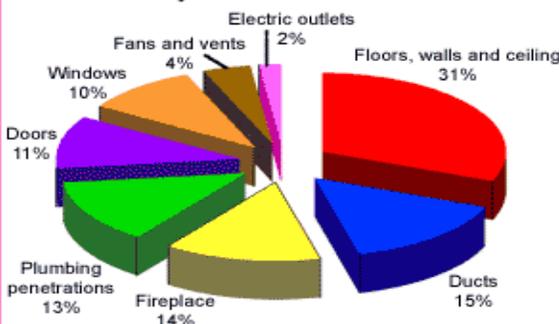
Closed 12:00—12:30 Lunch

AFTER HOURS

OUTAGE REPORTS

360-795-3312 or 360-465-2202

Primary Air Infiltration Locations



According to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, each year in the United States nearly \$13 billion worth of energy in the form of heated or cooled air escapes through holes and cracks in residential buildings. That's an average of \$150 per household each year!

Tip of the Day

Plant Deciduous Shade Trees to Keep Your Home Cool During the Summer!

Shade trees absorb radiant heat before it warms your house, helping keep it cool during the summer.