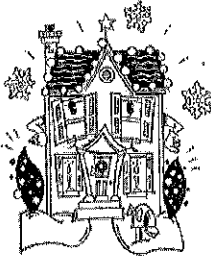


## Electrical Safety Tips for the Holidays

The holiday spirit is here, and with it comes a tendency to overload electrical outlets with decorations. This is unsafe, even for a short time.

Here are tips for making your holiday enjoyable and safe:



- Use Underwriters Laboratory (UL)-approved lighting accessories.
- Never use electric lights on metal trees. The tree can become charged and a person who touches the tree may be electrocuted. Use spotlights instead.
- Indoor lights should not be used outdoors, because they lack weatherproof connections.

- Outdoor lights should not be used indoors. They burn too hot.

- Electrical connections should be above ground and away from puddles of water or snow.

- Inspect all light accessories. Be sure no wires or loose connections are exposed.

- Do not connect more than three strands together.

- Avoid using extension cords. If you must, use only UL-approved cords. Make sure they are in good condition and have the capacity to accommodate the electrical loads for which they are being used.

- Never overload wall outlets.

- Do not run electrical cords under a carpet.

- Outdoor trees or decorations with lights should never touch power lines.

- Fasten outdoor lights securely and point the sockets downward to avoid moisture build-up.

- Keep metal foil and tinsel away from electrical sockets.

- Make sure your smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are in good working order.

- Unplug all Christmas lights before leaving your home or going to bed. Light up your holiday the safe way by following these tips from Klickitat PUD, Owned By Those It Serves.

## Operation Warm Heart — Helping Neighbors Since 1989

Since 1989, our caring customers have given generously to KPUD's Operation Warm Heart Program.

These gifts help other KPUD customers, who are having problems paying their power bills.

Neighbors helping neighbors is a proud Klickitat County tradition. You can be part of Operation Warm Heart with a tax-deductible contribution of any amount.

There are three easy ways to give to this program:

1. Have a small amount added to your monthly KPUD bill. Most people give \$1 or \$2 a month.



2. Make a one-time contribution of any amount. All gifts are welcome.

3. Place your bill on Operation Round Up, which rounds your utility bill up to the nearest dollar, and puts the difference into the Operation Warm Heart

fund to help needy families.

If you wish to participate, please call our customer service representatives, who can answer your questions and assist you in signing up for the program.

**Goldendale** - (509) 773-5891.

**White Salmon** - (509) 493-2255.

Toll free at (800) 548-8357.

## Low-Income Elderly Discount Available

Klickitat PUD offers a Low-Income Elderly Rate Discount for residential electric billings issued December 2005 through May 2006.

The program is monitored through Klickitat County Senior Services, which determines a person's eligibility. KPUD is provided with a list of the residential customers who meet requirements for the low-income discount.

If you are 62 years of age or older and wish to take advantage of this discount program, please contact Virginia Falter at the Goldendale Senior Services office at (509) 773-3757, or Jill Parrott at the White Salmon Senior Services office at (509) 493-3068, or call the toll-free number, (800) 447-7858.

Call to find out if your income makes you eligible for the program.