

# Be Prepared; Pack an Outage Kit

Before calling Klickitat PUD to report an outage, make sure your circuit breaker is not tripped or the fuses are not blown.

Check to see if other people in your area have lost power.

Report the outage and be prepared to give your name, address and phone number.

Turn on an outside light so repair crews can see when your power has been restored.

Trip the breakers to your furnace and space and/or water heaters to avoid damaging the equipment.

Unplug all voltage-sensitive equipment.

Keep one lamp turned on so you will know when the power is restored.

Do not turn everything on all at once when your power returns.

Be patient and remember major problems must be repaired first.

Make sure your home is equipped with a power outage kit.

## What Should Your Outage Kit Include?

- Flashlights, candles, lanterns or light sticks.
- Matches or lighter, and fuel for lanterns.
- A battery-powered radio.
- Batteries for items in your kit.
- A telephone that operates without electricity. Cordless phones do not work when you lose power.
- Canned or dried food and a manual can opener.
- A fire extinguisher.
- A first-aid kit and personal medical supplies.



- A wind-up battery clock.
- An ice chest and ice or ice packs.
- Drinking water and water for other uses.
- Extra blankets, sleeping bags, warm clothing.
- Wood, if you have a fireplace.
- A list of emergency phone numbers, including shelters and

Klickitat PUD's 24-hour power outage phone numbers. **Goldendale:** 773-5891 or (800) 548-8357. **White Salmon:** 493-2255 or (800) 548-8358.

Consider purchasing an alternate heat source, and learn how to operate your electric garage door opener without electricity.

## Take Time to Make Your Home 'Comfy' for Cold Weather Ahead

Taking time to prepare for the cold weather ensures comfort in the months ahead and saves you money.

Klickitat PUD recommends you :

- Install new filters in your heating system.
- Insulate against drafts around doors and windows.
- Add a second layer of insulation in your attic.
- Have your duct system tested for air leaks.
- Insulate any exposed water pipes.
- Test and clean smoke detectors.
- Clean your chimney and gutters.
- Replace roof shingles that are loose or damaged.
- Check your fire extinguishers and charge or replace them, if necessary.