

# Monthly Promotions

## September 2012 Puget Sound Energy bill inserts and information

Included in your electronic or mailed statement is information on ways to save energy and manage costs, as well as safety tips.

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- [EnergyWise newsletter](#)
- **Promotion:** Up to \$1,500 in additional rebate savings on ENERGY STAR® windows; up to \$1,500 in additional savings from participating PSE Contractor Alliance Network members
- **Promotion:** Get additional rebate funds from PSE when you recycle your old fridge or freezer; Schedule your pickup today!
- **Promotion:** Free HomePrint assessment or up to \$1,700 in instant rebates for insulation
- **Promotion:** Get up to \$20 in rebates for LED lamps; Learn more about commercial rebates on LED products
- **Promotion:** It's time to check out a Northwest ENERGY STAR® Home; PSE can help you find a builder
- **Safety brochure:** The Smell of Natural Gas - It stinks for your safety (included in bills Aug. 31 - Sept. 13)
- **Safety brochure:** Natural Gas and Electric Safety - We care about your safety (included in bills beginning Sept. 14)
- **Contest:** Re-Energized by Design: Win great prizes by showing us how a beautiful home can also be energy efficient
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## No-cost energy-savings tips

While many low-cost energy-saving improvements can pay for themselves in a year, here are two no-cost steps that will give you immediate payback on your heating bill.

**Set the thermostat at the coolest, comfortable level.** The heating bill drops by about 2 percent for every degree the thermostat is lowered.

**Lower the thermostat at bedtime or while away.** Setting the thermostat to 55 degrees while asleep can cut a heating bill by up to 10 percent.



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## Simple steps now can lower heating bills

Fall is the perfect time to prepare for cooler weather. Following these simple steps now, including taking advantage of PSE rebates, can help you lower your heating bills.

- **Check doors and windows for leaks and drafts.** Make sure doors seal properly, and add weather stripping or caulk to keep heat from escaping.
- **Examine heating ducts for leaks.** Repair or replace damaged ducts.
- **Add attic insulation.** Insulate your attic hatch or door to prevent warm air from escaping. PSE offers up to \$1,700 in insulation rebates.
- **Close the fireplace damper** when it's not in use.
- **Have the furnace inspected and serviced** to make sure it is in proper working order.
- **Clean or replace the furnace filters.** Change or clean filters monthly during the heating season. The furnace will run more efficiently and use less energy.

Visit [PSE.com/Rebates](http://PSE.com/Rebates) for information

## Online improvements

Coming soon, you will find changes to PSE.com, providing easier access to our free and secure online services. View and pay your bill with ease, monitor your energy-use trends and get to commonly needed information. Visit PSE.com.





## Make your home safe for winter

### Prepare for emergencies

September is National Preparedness Month, and October is the 50th anniversary of the destructive Columbus Day wind storm that hit the Puget Sound region in 1962. Now is a good time to assemble an emergency kit for your family, home and business.

FEMA, the American Red Cross, and other organizations, including the Take Winter By Storm awareness campaign, recommend a kit that includes a three-day supply of food, water, medicines, pet supplies, flashlights, a battery-powered radio and batteries, a first aid kit and other items.



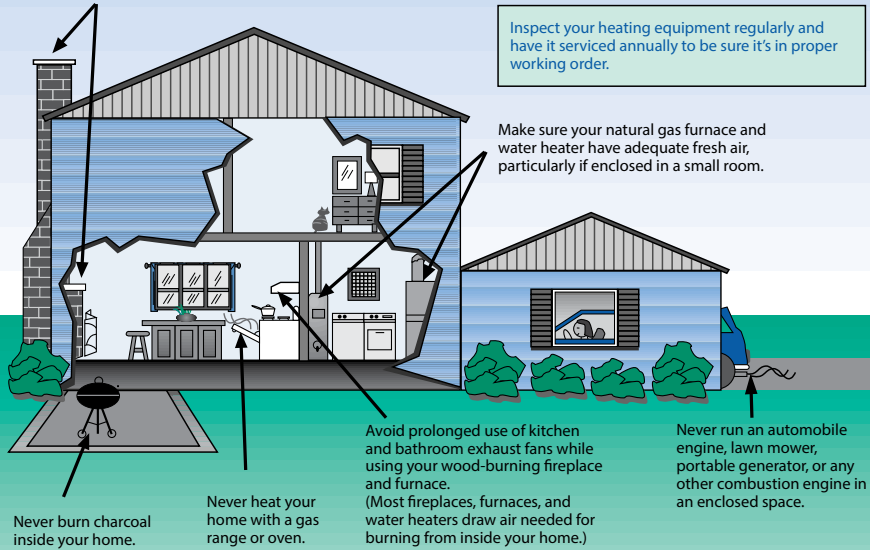
You can find more information on preparedness at [PSE.com/Prepare](http://PSE.com/Prepare), [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov), [redcrosswashington.org](http://redcrosswashington.org) and [TakeWinterByStorm.org](http://TakeWinterByStorm.org).

### Keep area around furnace and water heater clear

If you have a natural gas water heater, furnace or any other appliance with an open flame or pilot light, make sure you store flammable liquids and rags soaked in solvents far away from the natural gas appliances to prevent vapors from igniting. Nothing should be on, touching or near the furnace or vent pipe.



Keep flues and chimneys free of debris.



Inspect your heating equipment regularly and have it serviced annually to be sure it's in proper working order.

Make sure your natural gas furnace and water heater have adequate fresh air, particularly if enclosed in a small room.

Never burn charcoal inside your home.

Never heat your home with a gas range or oven.

Avoid prolonged use of kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans while using your wood-burning fireplace and furnace. (Most fireplaces, furnaces, and water heaters draw air needed for burning from inside your home.)

Never run an automobile engine, lawn mower, portable generator, or any other combustion engine in an enclosed space.

## We troubleshoot furnace problems

If you think your natural gas furnace, water heater or other appliances are not operating safely, or if you are having problems with pilot lights, please call to schedule a PSE natural gas service technician for a free visit to diagnose the problem.

Depending on the diagnosis, the technician may make minor repairs (there will be a charge for parts and labor) or recommend you choose a participating contractor through PSE's Contractor Alliance Network program. Find a contractor by visiting [PSE.com](http://PSE.com) or calling a PSE Energy Advisor at 1-800-562-1482.

Call PSE at 1-888-225-5773 to report your problem and schedule a PSE service technician.



**THINK SAFE. BE SAFE.**

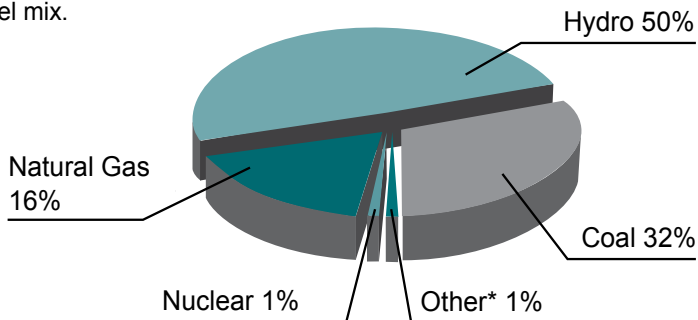


## PSE's diverse power supply

PSE customers' electricity comes from a variety of sources, primarily hydroelectric dams, natural gas-fired power plants, wind farms, and a coal-fired power plant in eastern Montana. In 2011 about one-third of your power was generated at PSE-owned facilities; the rest we bought from other energy producers. The amount of power you receive from any one source varies from year to year, depending on such things as the weather, wholesale energy prices, and the retirement or acquisition of power plants. Our three wind farms together are now producing about 10 percent of our customers' total power supply.

This chart shows the state Department of Commerce's newly released "fuel mix" for the power PSE delivered last year. The chart doesn't reflect our wind farms' energy because, in 2011, PSE sold the "renewable energy credits" associated with our wind farms' output. That means we couldn't cite wind power in our 2011 fuel mix.

Fuel	Percentage
Coal	32
Hydroelectric	50
Natural Gas	16
Nuclear	1
Other*	1
Total	100



\* Biomass, landfill gas, petroleum and waste.

Source of data: Published by the Washington Department of Commerce with data reported by PSE.

## Adjustments to bills anticipated for October

In late August, Puget Sound Energy requested a slight increase in electric and natural gas rates to cover changes in costs for PSE's HELP (Home Energy Lifeline Program) that provides bill-payment assistance for eligible low income customers. If approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the change, amounting to a 21-cent and 9-cent increase on the average residential bills for electric and natural gas service, respectively, would take effect Oct. 1.

## Consider a gift to the Warm Home Fund

Thanks to the generosity of our customers and PSE employees, donations to The Salvation Army Warm Home Fund for the 2011-12 heating season totaled \$551,000, assisting more than 3,600 households with their PSE bill payments. To donate to the Warm Home Fund, include a little extra in your next PSE bill payment by checking the donation box on your payment stub or online payment page. Thank you for caring,



## Baker River sockeye return breaks record

Sockeye salmon returned to the Baker River this summer in record numbers, with more than 47,000 adult sockeye migrating up the Skagit and Baker rivers. The three highest Baker River sockeye returns



in history have come in the past three years. Fisheries agencies say the record runs are owed in large part to the innovative "floating surface collector" PSE built in 2008 to help juvenile salmon migrate downstream around the utility's two Baker River hydroelectric dams. PSE's Baker River Hydroelectric Project generates enough electricity to power the homes of 130,000 PSE customers.



## In Your Community — Focus on Thurston County

PSE provides electricity to nearly 120,000 Thurston County homes and businesses and natural gas to 47,000.

### *Here are some of our Thurston County highlights:*

- 90 employees and contractors work out of PSE's customer service base in Olympia, 2711 Pacific Ave. SE. We have operated from this base—a 9-acre property—since the 1960s.
- This year we are installing tree wire and pruning overgrown trees along more than 200 miles of power lines in Olympia, Lacey, Rainier, Tumwater and Yelm to boost reliability and reduce the number of tree-related power outages.
- Also this year, we have upgraded and reinforced the natural gas pipeline system in Lacey, Yelm and Olympia. Every day, we conduct routine inspections along the 865 miles of natural gas pipelines in Thurston County.



*PSE lineman Elmer Woodard, who works out of PSE's Olympia customer service base, measures out a 150-foot span of new power line for a repair project. In one month, PSE installs or rebuilds an average of 2 miles of overhead power lines in Thurston County. Woodard has worked for PSE for 12 years.*

### *Yelm customers trade out old for new*

In August, at the Goodwill store in Yelm, nearly 700 PSE customers exchanged their old incandescent light bulbs for nearly 11,000 energy-saving compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. By replacing their old bulbs with CFLs, these customers will save \$44,000 per year in energy.

### *Free LED and CFL bulbs offered at Oct. 6-7 Lacey event*

Join us at our Rock the Bulb™ event in Lacey where you can exchange\* up to 15 incandescent light bulbs for 15 energy-saving bulbs, including up to five light emitting diode (LED) bulbs.

LEDs use up to 80 percent less energy and can last 25 years.

**Saturday, Oct 6,  
and Sunday, Oct. 7  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Fred Meyer  
700 Sleater Kinney Rd. SE  
Lacey**



\* For PSE residential electric customers.

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- Ellensburg** — 207 N. Pearl St.
- Freeland** — 1794 Main St.
- Oak Harbor** — 231 SE Barrington Dr. #101
- Olympia** — 2711 Pacific Ave. SE
- Port Townsend** — 181 Quincy St. #101
- Vashon Island** — 18125 Vashon Hwy. SW

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**Limited  
time  
offer!**

# SAVING EVEN MORE ON WINDOWS IS RE-ENERGIZING

**LIMITED TIME OFFER!** Get up to \$1,500 in additional savings on ENERGY STAR® windows from participating PSE Contractor Alliance Network members!

Tired of getting a draft even when your windows are closed? It could be time to replace those old leaky windows. For a limited time, customers who receive a referral through PSE's Contractor Alliance Network, and who purchase/install a minimum of five ENERGY STAR windows, can now receive a promotional offer of **\$100 per window, up to \$1,500\***, from participating Contractor Alliance Network members. Qualifying customers can also receive up to an additional **\$750** PSE rebate.

For more information; scan code with your Smartphone, visit **PSE.com/Rebates**, call a PSE Energy Advisor at **1-800-562-1482**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or e-mail **energyefficiency@pse.com**.

*Who qualifies? Residents living in an existing property with four units or less; PSE window rebate is for homes heated by electricity from PSE and that have a minimum of: over six inches of attic insulation, over one inch of wall insulation, and over four inches of floor insulation. Must upgrade from existing single-pane wood or metal framed windows or double-pane metal framed windows to energy-efficient Energy Star windows with .30 U-factor or lower certified by the NFRC.*

*\*Energy-efficient windows purchased on/after August 1, 2012 may be eligible for limited time offer.*



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# SAVING EVEN MORE ON HEATING IS RE-ENERGIZING

**LIMITED TIME OFFER!** Get up to \$1,500 in additional savings from participating PSE Contractor Alliance Network members!

Time to replace that old heating or water heating system? For a limited time, customers who receive a referral through PSE's Contractor Alliance Network, and who purchase and install qualifying home/water heating products, with PSE rebates ranging from \$50 to \$1,500, can now receive an evenly matched promotional offer of up to \$1,500 from participating Contractor Alliance Network members.

To see if you qualify, and for a complete list of heating and water heating rebates; scan code with your Smartphone, visit [PSE.com/Rebates](http://PSE.com/Rebates), call a PSE Energy Advisor at 1-800-562-1482, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or e-mail [energyefficiency@pse.com](mailto:energyefficiency@pse.com).

*Who qualifies? PSE electric and/or natural gas customers (depending on equipment installed) living in a single-family property or attached housing with four units or less. Additional qualifications apply.*

*\*Energy-efficient products installed on/after August 1, 2012 may be eligible for limited time offer.*



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# GETTING PAID TO SAVE IS RE-ENERGIZING

For a limited time, get additional rebate funds from PSE when you recycle your old fridge or freezer!

**Don't hang onto that old energy-wasting unit; have PSE come get it.**

Sign up now and get:

- Free pick up
- Free recycling
- Savings on your bill

Plus ~~\$20~~ **\$35** from PSE on a Visa Prepaid Card.

**Act now, though!** The extra rebate is only available until **Sept. 30, 2012.**

**Call 1-877-577-0510 today!**

**[PSE.COM/RECYCLING](http://PSE.COM/RECYCLING)**



## Schedule your pick up today!

Your old fridge or freezer could be costing you as much as \$200 each year on your electric bill. Older models can use up to four times more energy than new efficient models.

Now through September, PSE will give you **\$35** for yours!

Schedule your pick up today! Visit **PSE.com/Recycling** or call **1-877-577-0510**.

*Who qualifies? PSE residential electric customers. For complete guidelines, visit **PSE.com/Recycling**. Additional qualifications apply.*



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# HAVING A HOMEPRINT™ ASSESSMENT IS RE-ENERGIZING

**Get a FREE overview on making your home more energy efficient**

Receive practical recommendations on how your home could operate more efficiently with **Puget Sound Energy's HomePrint Assessment**. Provided by an independent PSE-Qualified Specialist, this FREE in-home service will give you a better understanding of your home's energy consumption, and cost-effective ways to use less energy - all designed to improve the comfort and efficiency of your home. You'll even get FREE compact fluorescent light bulbs installed, and FREE water conserving showerheads will be provided to qualifying customers.

For more information; scan code with your Smartphone, e-mail [energyefficiency@pse.com](mailto:energyefficiency@pse.com), visit **PSE.com/Rebates**, or call a PSE Energy Advisor at **1-800-562-1482**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Who qualifies? PSE electric customers living in an existing single-family residential property or attached housing with four units or less. One (1) rebate per household.*



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# WRAPPING YOUR HOME IN A BLANKET IS RE-ENERGIZING

## Get up to \$1,700 in instant rebates for insulation

If your home just never seems warm enough no matter how high you blast the heat; or cool enough, no matter how much you use the AC, you may need to weatherize. Puget Sound Energy is offering **up to \$1,700** in instant rebates for qualifying weatherization upgrades.

50 percent of the cost, up to **\$400 each** for

Floor insulation

Attic insulation

Wall insulation

50 percent of the cost, up to **\$500** for

Duct sealing and  
insulation

*Note: Income-eligible customers may qualify for free upgrades.*

For more information; scan code with your Smartphone, visit **PSE.com/Rebates**, call a PSE Energy Advisor at **1-800-562-1482**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or e-mail **energyefficiency@pse.com**. If you're interested in financing, ask about financing options or visit **PSE.com/EfficiencyFinancing**.

*Insulation rebates available only to customers with homes built before 1990. Work must be completed by an independent contractor pre-authorized by PSE. Additional qualifications apply.*

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# RE-ENERGIZE YOUR COMMERCIAL LIGHTING

**Get a rebate for up to \$20 per LED lamp installed**

Did you know that PSE offers rebates for LED lighting? White-light LED lamps are now widely available for common commercial lighting applications. They can last over twenty years while consuming significantly less energy than incandescent lamps, resulting in lower utility bills for the same amount of use.

**[PSE.COM/FORYOURBUSINESS](https://www.pse.com/foryourbusiness)**

# Rebates for LEDs are Re-Energizing

PSE offers commercial rebates on qualifying LED products:

LED type	Rebate amount
Decorative Lamps	\$5
Conventional Bulb Shape	\$15
Directional R30 Floods	\$15
Directional R38 or 40 Floods	\$20

*Customers must purchase electricity from PSE at the site where the LED lamps are installed. Please see [PSE.com](http://PSE.com) for information on qualifying LED products and more commercial lighting rebate offers.*

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# HERE'S A BRIGHT IDEA

Visit **PSE.com/ForYourBusiness** or call a PSE Energy Advisor at **1-800-562-1482** for more information on qualifications and to learn how to receive instant in-store rebates on commercial LED lighting products.





# BEING COMFORTABLE IN YOUR HOME IS RE-ENERGIZING

**You can't see comfort.** But you can see all the details that go into creating it. If you're looking to be more comfortable living in your home, it's time to check out a Northwest ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Home. These homes are built from the ground up to be the most efficient buildings possible.

## The benefits of living in a Northwest ENERGY STAR Home:

- **Better for your pocketbook.** Homes are at least 15 percent more efficient than homes built to code, making them some of the most energy-efficient homes on the market today.
- **Increased comfort.** From the low U-factor windows and mastic-sealed ductwork to the high-performance heat pump and properly installed insulation, your home will have a feeling of coziness and comfort.
- **Healthier indoor air.** Providing proper ventilation, minimizing air leaks and installing point source ventilation in bathrooms and laundry rooms for moisture management ensures clean, healthy indoor air and better for the environment.

[PSE.COM/BuyANewHome](https://www.pse.com/BuyANewHome)

NORTHWEST



## Saving energy is good for you and the environment. PSE can help you get started.

For a list of ENERGY STAR® home builders in the area or to learn more information on the benefits of buying an ENERGY STAR qualified home, return this completed form with your bill payment or call a PSE Energy Advisor at **1-800-562-1482**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ PSE Account No. 

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  Yes! Sign me up for PSE's free Re-Energize Your Home e-newsletter.



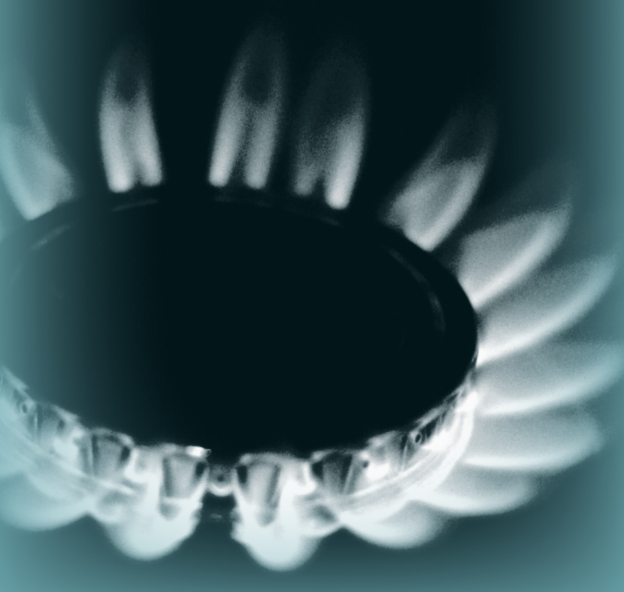
# KNOW THE FACTS BEFORE YOU BUY

Talk to your builder today about the benefits of purchasing an **ENERGY STAR** qualified home, and take one step closer to saving energy and money in a comfortable new home!



# ***THE SMELL OF NATURAL GAS***

***It stinks for your safety***



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Clean burning natural gas is odorless, colorless and non-toxic in its natural state. Puget Sound Energy adds a distinctive odor called mercaptan to natural gas so even the smallest leak can be detected.

Scratch the flame on the next page to learn how natural gas smells like sulfur or rotten eggs.

### *If you smell natural gas*

- ◆ Do not use phones (cell or land line phones), turn any electric switches on/off or use other electrically operated devices that could cause a spark.
- ◆ Do not smoke. Do not light a match or use a lighter or do anything that might create a spark.
- ◆ Leave the area immediately.
- ◆ Use a telephone outside the area and call PSE, 24 hours a day, at 1-888-225-5773 or 911.

Using your nose is not the only way to detect a natural gas leak. Blowing dirt, bubbles rising in a puddle or a hissing sound may indicate a leak. If you notice any signs of a natural gas leak, call immediately.

### *Natural gas safety features*

**Natural gas is lighter than air. If it escapes into the air it dissipates quickly.**

**Natural gas has a very narrow range of flammability and will ignite only in a concentration of 4 to 15 percent gas in air.**



**Scratch this flame with your fingernail. Then sniff the flame. Make sure your family and friends also know the smell of natural gas. If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, leave the area immediately. Call PSE at 1-888-225-5773 or 911.**

**Raspe y huela la llama para reconocer el olor del gas natural. Si alguna vez sospecha que hay una fuga de gas natural, llame a Puget Sound Energy al 1-888-225-5773 ó al 911.**

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Чтобы узнать, как пахнет природный газ, сотрите покрытие и понюхайте запах пламени. Если Вы когда-нибудь заподозрите утечку природного газа, позвоните в компанию Puget Sound Energy по телефону 1-888-225-5773 или наберите 911.

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*The Energy To Do Great Things*

## *A natural gas pipeline may be identified with a marker*

PSE, like other pipeline operators, installs above ground pipeline markers to indicate the approximate location of buried, high pressure natural gas pipelines, generally situated along highways and major road and railway intersections. These line markers display the name of the pipeline operator and the telephone number where the operator can be reached in case of an emergency. Pipeline markers and warning signs indicate only the presence of a pipeline. They should not be used to determine the exact location of the pipeline.



## *Call 811 before you dig*

Whether you're a homeowner or contractor, contact the 811 "Call Before You Dig" hotline two business days before digging. The "Call Before You Dig" law\* requires anyone digging into the ground to call and have underground utilities located to avoid potential hazards with striking or digging up utility lines.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

If you think you may have damaged a natural gas pipe or smell the odor of natural gas, follow these important steps:

- ◆ Quickly move a safe distance from the damaged line where you do not smell the escaping natural gas.
- ◆ Call 911 after you're at a safe distance.
- ◆ Report the damage to PSE at 1-888-225-5773.

## *Customer-owned buried natural gas piping*

PSE regularly inspects the underground natural gas pipelines in the street and to your meter to make sure they are operating properly and safely. If you own buried piping, such as piping to pools, hot tubs, natural gas barbecues or detached buildings, it is your responsibility to maintain the piping unless PSE installed and agreed to maintain it. If your piping is not maintained, it may leak or corrode. Have a licensed plumbing contractor do the inspection and any necessary repairs.

\* See RCW 19.122 on <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.



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## Stay clear of downed power lines

- Make sure there's at least a 10-foot clearance from overhead power lines for yourself and any equipment, such as ladders or antennas or when painting, roofing or tree-pruning.
- Never try to retrieve anything caught in a power line or from a tree near a power line.
- Always assume a downed power line is energized, and move away to safety.
- Never touch a downed power line or anything near it.
- If you are in a vehicle and come in contact with a downed power line or electric equipment, stay in the vehicle, keep your car door closed. If able, call 911.



## Be prepared for emergencies

Use this checklist to plan ahead and stay safe during a major power outage or natural disaster, such as an earthquake.

- Keep flashlights handy and make sure they have fresh batteries. Also, keep extra batteries on hand.
- Obtain an emergency kit that includes a three-day supply of food, water, flashlights, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra batteries, medicine, pet supplies and a first aid kit.
- Have PSE's 24-hour customer service line – 1-888-225-5773 – readily available in case you need to call to report an electric or natural gas emergency.

**For additional preparedness tips, visit: [redcrosswashington.org](http://redcrosswashington.org)**



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# Natural Gas and Electric Safety

We care about your safety



**THINK SAFE. BE SAFE.**

Nothing is more important to Puget Sound Energy than your safety. Learn how to recognize, react to, and prevent unsafe conditions.

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**Call PSE at 1-888-225-5773 or call 911 for a natural gas or electric emergency, such as a gas leak or downed power line.**

**THINK SAFE. BE SAFE.**

### Smell natural gas?

- Leave the area and call PSE at 1-888-225-5773 or call 911.
- Do not use cell or land line phones near the leak.
- Do not touch any electric switches or use another electrical device.
- Do not smoke; light a match; use a lighter.

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**Call  before you dig.**  
**Llame 811 antes de cavar.**



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Raspe y hue la llama para reconocer el olor del gas natural. Si alguna vez sospecha que hay una fuga de gas natural, llame a Puget Sound Energy al 1-888-225-5773 ó al 911.

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Чтобы узнать, как пахнет природный газ, сотрите покрытие и понюхайте запах пламени. Если Вы когда-нибудь заподозрите утечку природного газа, позвоните в компанию Puget Sound Energy по телефону 1-888-225-5773 или наберите 911.



### Markers identify natural gas pipelines

PSE installs above-ground pipeline markers to indicate buried natural gas pipelines in the area. These are generally situated along highways and major road and railway intersections.

They display the name and phone numbers of the pipeline operator in case of an emergency. Pipeline markers and warning signs indicate only the presence of a pipeline. Call 811 to determine the exact location of the pipeline.

### We troubleshoot furnace problems

If you think your natural gas furnace, water heater or other appliances are not operating safely, or if you are having problems with pilot lights, please call us to schedule a PSE natural gas service technician for a free visit to diagnose the problem.



Depending on the diagnosis, the technician may make minor repairs (there will be a charge for parts and labor) or recommend you choose a contractor. Call PSE at 1-888-225-5773 to report your problem and schedule a PSE service technician.

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## ***September 2012 bill print messages***

### **Summary section of billing statement:**

Bill-print message for City of Bellingham electric customers on bi-monthly schedule, through October 4  
The August 3, 2012 change in rates is the result of the City of Bellingham's change in the basis used to charge city tax. The city tax rate on your electric bill has changed from 5.69% to 6.03%. This rate includes the effect of state and local taxes on the city tax and deductions allowed by the city.

### **Detail section of billing statement – September**

Bill-print message for City of Bellingham electric customers on bi-monthly schedule, through October 4  
On August 3, changes to your bill became effective. Your usage charges for the periods before and after this date were calculated separately and are shown in separate sections, since these periods were billed differently.

**Ways to Pay Your Bill**

Puget Sound Energy offers several payment options:

- **Online Payment and Paperless Billing**
- **Automatic Payment** from your bank account
- **Immediate Payment Online or by Phone** (transaction fee applies)
- **By mail to:** Puget Sound Energy, Payment Processing BOT-01H, P.O. Box 91269, Bellevue, WA 98009-9269
- **Budget Payment Plan** helps even out bills
- **In person** at an authorized pay station, see PSE.com, or call 1-888-225-5773 for payment locations

**Ways to Reach Us**

- **PSE Customer Service 1-888-225-5773**
- **TTY** For hard of hearing/speech disorders **1-800-962-9498**
- **TRS** Telecommunications Relay Service **1-866-831-5161**
- **PSE Customer Construction Services 1-888-321-7779**  
Business hours: 7 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday
- **PSE Energy Advisors 1-800-562-1482**  
Business hours: 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday

**Bill Statement Codes**

- **ESTM** — *Estimated*
- **CORR** — *Corrected/Adjusted*
- **PRRT** — *Prorated*
- **ACTL** — *Actual*

**Emergency or Power Outage**

**Dial 1-888-225-5773**

To report a natural gas or electric emergency or a power outage, 24 hours a day, call **1-888-225-5773**

Para informar sobre la emergencia del fallo de gas o electricidad 24 horas al día, llame **1-888-225-5773**

若欲報告有關煤氣或電力故障，或停電，每天24小時均可致電 **1-888-225-5773**

Чтобы сообщить об аварии, связанной с природным газом или электроэнергией, или о перерыве в подаче электроэнергии, звоните по телефону **1-888-225-5773** круглосуточно

We can translate for other languages. Call **1-888-225-5773**.

**Customer Service Guarantees**

**Appointments:** You will receive a \$50 credit on your PSE bill if we do not keep a set appointment to install new or reconnect existing service or inspect natural gas equipment. Exceptions apply during major storms or significant events beyond our control.

**Electric service restoration:** If your electric service is out for 120 consecutive hours or longer, you may be eligible to receive a \$50 credit on your PSE bill after you report the outage or request the credit within seven days of the outage. Certain conditions beyond our control will cause the guarantee to be suspended.

**Questions about Your Bill or Service**

If you have questions or concerns or a dispute regarding your energy bill or service, please call us during business hours Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 1-888-225-5773. Any necessary corrections will be made promptly. If further follow-up is required, ask a PSE Customer Services supervisor to assist you. Every effort will be made to resolve disagreements and misunderstandings. If you are dissatisfied with the resolution, you may contact the Consumer Affairs section of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission at 1-800-562-6150 or complete an online complaint form at [www.utc.wa.gov](http://www.utc.wa.gov). Copies of information on rules, rates, power supply fuel mix, regulations, customer rights and responsibilities, as well as an annual report, are available by calling 1-888-225-5773 and at PSE.com.

**Late Payment Fee**

Your bill is due and payable upon delivery. A late payment fee of 1 percent per month will be assessed on balances which remain unpaid for more than 10 business days after the due date on the bill. A 30-day delay of the late fee will be granted to low-income customers who notify PSE that they have applied to a low-income organization for financial aid. Customers participating in the Budget Payment Plan will be exempt from any late payment fee as long as the agreed-upon payment terms are kept current.

**Explanation of Terms Used**

**Basic Charge**

The basic charge covers a portion of the costs for billing, meter reading and other related fixed costs. These fixed costs do not vary with the amount of electricity or natural gas used or the number of days covered by the bill.

**Delivery Charge**

This charge is for the construction, operation and maintenance of natural gas pipes, gate stations, pressure regulators and other equipment necessary for the delivery of natural gas to you, based on the amount of natural gas used.

**Electric/Natural Gas Conservation Program Charge**

Every customer helps pay for the costs of weatherization and conservation programs.

**Energy Exchange Credit**

This credit applies to residential and qualified small farm electricity customers only. It is a pass-through of the Federal Columbia River Benefits supplied by BPA. These benefits are from low-cost power generated by federal hydroelectric dams.

**kWh**

A kilowatt hour is a measure of 1,000 watts of electricity consumed in 1 hour. A 100-watt light bulb consumes 1 kWh of electricity over 10 hours.

**Btu Factor**

British thermal unit is a measure of heat content. The Btu factor is an adjustment factor based on the actual heat content of the natural gas.

**CCF**

CCF stands for hundreds of cubic feet, a measure of the volume of natural gas used.

**Therm**

A therm is a unit of heat that equals 100,000 Btu. A therm is the volume of gas (CCF) that when multiplied by the Btu factor equals 100,000 Btu. A natural gas stovetop burner on for 10 hours would use approximately one therm of natural gas. One therm of natural gas is equivalent to 29.3 kWh of electricity.