

# Monthly Promotions

## October 2013 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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- [Customer newsletter](#)
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The latest news on what's powering our neighborhoods

## Take easy steps now to save energy later



PSE customer Brianna Werre – King County

**For a limited time this fall, get an extra 10 percent off when you upgrade your heating equipment or windows!**

Cloudy skies, shorter days, and wet — typical Northwest weather. While you can't improve what's outside, you can make what's inside more comfortable. PSE offers rebates up to \$7,000 off insulation, duct sealing, efficient windows, water heaters and space-heating equipment. You'll also save an additional 10 percent (up to \$1,500) this fall when you purchase and install qualifying heating equipment or windows through our Contractor Alliance Network. Hurry, though, time is limited.

[pse.com/rebates](http://pse.com/rebates)



### Our tips — your savings

Get a free HomePrint™ Assessment. We'll install efficient bulbs and give you a customized summary of energy-saving recommendations.

[pse.com/homeprint](http://pse.com/homeprint)

## Know what's below. Call 811 — it's the law

Remember to call 811 two business days before digging in your yard. This free service will arrange to mark buried utility lines so that you don't accidentally dig into them, which could injure you and damage the utilities.

Furthermore, Washington law requires you to call. So don't take chances: pick up the phone and call 811.

[call811.com](http://call811.com)



## 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.

[pse.com/maintainpiping](http://pse.com/maintainpiping)



Thanks to all of our customers who came out in September to celebrate the re-developed Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric Project and Park.



## Adjustments to bills anticipated for October

In late August, PSE requested slight adjustments in natural gas and electric rates. If approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the changes are expected to take effect Oct. 1. Please visit [pse.com/rates](http://pse.com/rates) for the latest information.

## Fall back with LED light bulbs

Listen up, electric customers! LED bulbs use less energy and last 10 times as long as regular bulbs. This fall, you can save even more with limited time offers from participating retailers.

[pse.com/deals](http://pse.com/deals)



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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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Stay connected to PSE

# 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.

 **PUGET SOUND ENERGY**

**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.

Your nose is not the only way to detect a natural gas leak. Blowing dirt, bubbles in a puddle or a hissing sound may indicate a leak.



### 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 law\* requires anyone digging to call and have underground utilities located to avoid potential hazards. If you think you damaged an underground utility line or smell the odor of natural gas, follow the safety steps above.

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

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



### Safety stinks! (For good reason)

Clean burning natural gas is odorless, colorless and non-toxic in its natural state. PSE adds a distinctive sulfur or rotten-egg odor to natural gas so even the smallest leak can be detected.

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 call 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.

刮擦火焰圖案並聞一聞有何氣味，這有助於您辨別天然氣Puget Sound Energy 的氣味。如果您懷疑有天然氣洩漏，請給打電話，電話號碼是1-888-225-5773，或者打911緊急電話。

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.

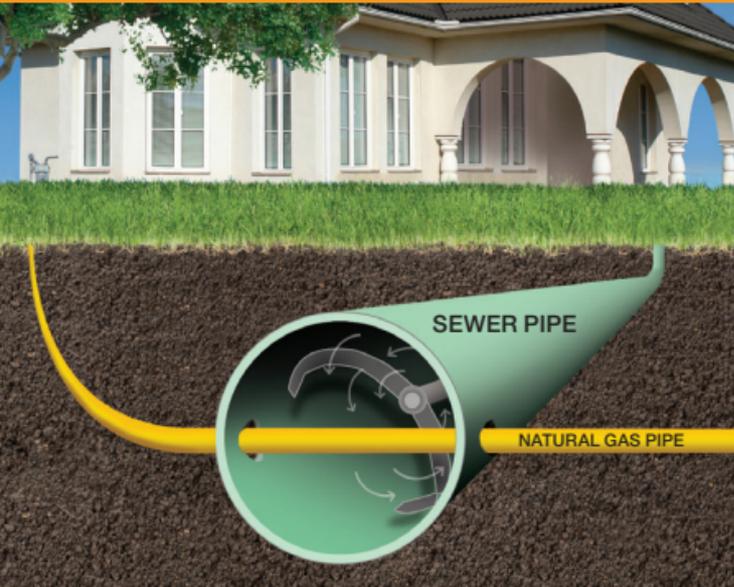


Depending on the diagnosis, the technician may make minor repairs (there will be a charge for parts and labor) or recommend you choose a contractor. Call PSE at 1-888-225-5773 to report your problem and schedule a PSE service technician.

# AVOID A NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY.

Call PSE before you clear a blocked sewer.

# CROSS BORE HAZARDS ARE REAL.



## PSE CAN HELP.

In neighborhoods where natural gas lines were installed without digging a trench, there's a small chance that a line was inadvertently inserted through a sewer pipe. In these cases, using a machine to clear a blocked sewer could damage the gas line, allowing gas to enter your home and endanger your safety. Before you or your plumber clear an exterior blockage, call PSE. We'll send a technician—usually within an hour—to make sure the line is safe to clear.

**AVOID A GAS EMERGENCY.**  
**CALL 888-225-5773.**  
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## **October 2013 bill print messages**

### **Summary page**

(For residential and small farm electric-only and combined electric and natural gas customers whose electric service is residential or small farm.)

On Oct. 1, your electric rate decreased to reflect a change in the Energy Exchange Credit listed on your bill.

(For natural gas-only—all classes, combined electric and natural gas customers whose electric service is residential or small farm)

On Oct. 1, your natural gas rate was adjusted to reflect a slight increase in rates to cover costs for the PSE HELP low-income assistance program.

(For commercial and industrial electric service customers)

On Oct. 1, your electric rate was adjusted to reflect a slight increase in rates to cover costs for the PSE HELP low-income assistance program.

### **Detail section of billing statement**

(For all customers--electric and natural gas--on monthly and bi-monthly billing)

A rate change became effective during this billing period. The listed rate item(s) that changed shows the dates, prices and charges for each portion of the bill period when they were in effect.

**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.