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HOURS PAYMENTS.

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# PUD No. 2 News

SPRING 2017

## Spring Cleaning: Are Your In Home Surge Suppressors Doing Their Job?

80% of surges come from within your own home

### Minimum Specifications and Features to Look for in a Surge Suppressor:

- **UL 1449 Listed**

Conforms to Underwriter Laboratory's standard UL 1449 for transient voltage surge suppressors (TVSS). (UL 1449 Listing is required for safety. UL Listing as a "power tap" is not sufficient.)

- **Peak Surge Current is 39,000 amps or more**

The higher the better. Sometimes this is called Maximum Transient Current or Maximum Surge.

- **Voltage Rating of 330 volts gives the best protection**

Higher voltage ratings give less protection. Sometimes this is called Clamping Voltage.

- **Energy Rating of 420 joules or more**

The higher the better. (Because testing methods for Energy Rating are not standardized, you shouldn't base your choice on Energy Rating alone.)

- **Appropriate Connectors and Outlets**

An outlet for each piece of equipment is needed as well as room for AC adapters (transformers). If you are protecting a TV, DVD Player, Telephone or Computer, get a surge suppressor with TV cable connectors and/or phone jacks.

- **Indicators**

Look for status or warning lights to indicate that the device is working (not just that it's on) and that it will sound an alarm to indicate surges.

- **Electrical Noise Protection**

For protecting against EMI (Electromagnetic Interference) and RFI (Radio-Frequency Interference).

- **Warranty and Insurance**

The warranty on a surge suppressor should be at least 5 years and should cover connected equipment of \$2,500 to \$25,000 or more.

### Other Considerations When Updating Your Surge Suppressors:

- Consider buying a surge suppressor that lists all of the minimum specifications.

Make sure the device you choose is UL 1449 Listed

- Expect to pay at least \$30 for a good surge suppressor
- Surge Suppressors cannot protect your home from power outages or nearby lightning strikes.
- Surge Suppressors only work if they are plugged into a properly grounded 3-prong outlet.

If your home only has 2-prong outlets or improperly grounded 3-prong outlets, have a licensed electrician upgrade your outlets.

- **UL Standard 1449 became more strict in August 1998.**

Older Surge Suppressors may be less safe. If you do not see "UL 1449 Listed" stamped or embossed on your device, it may just be an outlet strip or extension cord, not a Surge Suppressor.

- Replace an old Surge Suppressor if it is discolored, overheats, or shows signs of melting.
- If your old Surge Suppressor has no indicator lights, it may not be working and should probably be replaced.



### Remember!

Now is the time to sign up for our equal pay budget plan.  
Call your local office and speak to a customer service representative  
to see how you can manage your payments.



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3RD TUES. @ 1:00PM AT  
PENINSULA OPERATIONS  
CENTER, LONG BEACH

IF THE REGULAR MEETING  
DAY IS A HOLIDAY, THE  
BOARD MEETS THE  
FOLLOWING DAY.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!  
1-800-424-5555



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## Whole House Surge Arrestors

- ⇒ Whole house surge protection provides surge suppression at your electrical meter and protects your whole house from power surges originating outside the house.
- ⇒ Surge Arrestors guard against the damage caused by momentary high-voltage conditions.
- ⇒ In home Surge Suppressors are still recommended for electronic equipment.
- ⇒ 80% of surges come from within your own home.
- ⇒ Surge Arrestors are placed between your electrical meter and meter base on the outside of your home.
- ⇒ PUD No. 2 of Pacific County has Whole House Surge Protectors available for purchase.
- ⇒ Your electric service must be a 200 amp service.
- ⇒ Each installed Surge Protector comes with a 10 year warranty.
- ⇒ Surge Protectors are \$175.00, installed.
- ⇒ Call your local PUD office for more information.

### 2015 Fuel Mix Disclosure

Biogas	0%
Biomass	0.12%
Coal	5.23%
Geothermal	0%
Hydro	81.97%
Nuclear	9.23%
Natural Gas	3.21%
Other Biogenic	0.03%
Other Non-Biogenic	0.14%
Petroleum	0.07%
Solar	0%
Waste	0%
Wind	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

In addition, the District purchases  
Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) for our  
Green Power Program

The drive-up drop box at  
the Willapa Operations  
Center in Raymond is back  
up and running!

## BEWARE OF UTILITY BILL PHONE SCAMS!

If you have questions  
or concerns call the  
PUD directly.