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## **December Windstorm Could Be a Wake-Up Call ~ Be Prepared for More Storms**

The windstorm that hit the Puget Sound region last month was a reminder of the kind of weather winter sometimes brings to our area.

The Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (PCDEM) offers the following information to lessen the impacts of windstorms:

### **Facts About Windstorms —**

- Power pole and line damage can cause widespread power outages, and downed power lines are an extreme safety hazard.
- Improper use of generators and propane or charcoal grills can result in carbon monoxide poisoning and is a leading cause of windstorm-related illness and fatalities.
- Falling trees and blowing debris can cause severe damage to buildings and vehicles and may

also cause injuries and fatalities.

- Broken windows can cause injuries and can lead to significant wind and water damage.

### **Easy-to-do Life-Saving Suggestions —**

- Post non-emergency numbers for LLP and your other utilities, fire and police departments. LLP's number is (253) 584-6060.
- Gather flashlights and extra batteries and charge your battery-powered devices while you still have power.
- Know how to open your garage door manually, in case you need

to leave if the power goes out.

- Prepare out-of-area contact cards; give one to each of your family members and loved ones.
- Discuss your emergency plans – where will your family meet if you are separated? Where will you go if you have to leave your home (relative, friend, hotel)? Who will pick up the kids, check on other family members and take care of your pets?

PCDEM posts emergency alerts whenever there is a cause for concern. To sign up for Emergency Alerts visit [co.pierce.us](http://co.pierce.us).

### **Call for Board Candidates ~ Annual Meeting March 24**

The 93rd Annual Meeting of Lakeview Light and Power will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at the McGavick Conference Center, Bldg. 23, Clover Park Technical College, 4500 Steilacoom Blvd. Please note that this year's meeting will be held the *third* Tuesday of March, instead of the traditional second Tuesday. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. as usual.

Director Linda McDermott is up for re-election. If you're interested in being a candidate for the LLP Board of Directors you must notify the Secretary in writing, at our office, by 6 p.m. Feb.19.

### **Change in Due Dates ~ Payment is Due 20 Days After Billing Date**

Effective Jan. 1, 2015, payment for your power bill is due 20 days after the billing date. All unpaid balances will become delinquent 21 days after the bill date. A Final Notice will be mailed if a penalty is assessed, listing your disconnection date.

Delinquent accounts will be assessed a late charge of \$20 or 10 percent, whichever is greater.

Payments can be made electronically by debit card, credit

card or e-check. To use this service, call 1-866-837-7612. There is a service fee of \$2.95 and a transaction limit of \$300.

For customers who prefer to pay in person, we accept cash, check or money order in our office Monday-Thursday, 7am-6pm. After hours, we have a drop box located in our covered drive-up area. Our office is located at 11509 Bridgeport Way, SW.

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**General Manager's Corner ~  
A Quarterly Message  
from Ray Grinberg**

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I want to acknowledge the generosity of LLP's staff and board members. They are a generous and caring group who consistently find ways to help others and make our world a better place.

For instance, in November they purchased gift cards for six local families for Thanksgiving. The cards could be used for food and other necessities.

Then in December, they collected food for local food banks and also collected toys, clothing and other gifts for local families who are helped by Living Access Support Alliance (LASA).

These contributions came from our employees and board members. I'm proud and impressed by their generosity. I'm quite sure the holidays were made a little brighter for many families in our area because of this.

I'm also proud of the LLP Board's ongoing contribution to Project Help – the program that helps our less fortunate local families pay their power bills. The Board donates \$2 for every \$1 contributed by our customers. But I'm also a little disappointed because, for the past several years, contributions from our customers have decreased significantly. We collected just \$7,336.11 through the end of November 2014. That's much less than the \$12,265 contributed to Project Help in 2012, or the \$12,653 in 2013.

My hope for this new year is that you will be inspired by the example set by our staff and board members and will contribute generously to Project Help. Your donations keep the power on for many of our less fortunate families.

Thank you for your support.



**2013 Fuel Mix**

We're required to annually publish our fuel mix. Calculations are based on power purchases for 2013 reported by LLP to the State Department of Commerce in 2014. As you can see, LLP's power comes primarily from hydro and is 99 percent carbon-free.

<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Coal	1
Hydro	88
<u>Nuclear</u>	<u>11</u>
Total	100%

**Attention High School Seniors ~  
Scholarship Applications are Due January 29.**

To support the continuing education of high school seniors in our area, LLP awards up to five \$1500 scholarships each year.

Application deadline for Class of 2015 scholarships is 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29. To qualify, the student –

- Must be a graduating senior (Class of '15).
- Must be the child of an LLP member or customer.
- Must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in an accredited educational or training institution.
- Must attend the LLP Annual Meeting on March 24, 2015.

Application forms are available from your school's guidance counselor or at our office during regular business hours.

**Board of Directors Meetings ~  
Members are Welcome to Attend**

LLP members are welcome at the monthly meetings of our Board of Directors.

Upcoming board meetings are tentatively scheduled for Jan. 20, Feb. 23 and Mar. 12. If you would like to attend a Board meeting, please call our office a week before the meeting so we can confirm the date and time.

**Project Help**

The cold weather we had in November and December was a reminder of how harsh winter can be. And the higher heating bills that result put a strain on everyone's budgets – especially our less-fortunate neighbors.



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Project Help provides relief for many of these families by helping them pay their power bills. Through November 30, we received \$2,445.37 in donations from our customers. LLP's contribution raised the total to \$7,336.11.

Donations have been very low the past two years, but the need has not diminished. Please consider making a contribution to this important program. Just fill in the box on your enclosed statement.

Every donation counts – especially at this time of year.

*We thank you for your generosity!*

**Find Your Account  
Number, Win \$20**

In each issue of *The Lakeview Light*, we hide five randomly chosen account numbers (like 12345-678). If you find yours, call us at 584-6060 before the next newsletter is published and you'll receive a \$20 credit on your next bill.

Good luck!

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