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Tips for Country Living

A while back, Klickitat County published a booklet titled “Tips for Country Living.” It is filled with helpful tips for living in a rural setting. The main theme for the booklet is self-reliance. You need to be prepared because things are a little different from living in an urban environment.

This winter reinforced that notion from Klickitat PUD’s (KPUD) perspective. After a number of extremely mild winters with little outage activity, the winter of 2005-2006 reminded us we need to be prepared for what nature can throw our way.

Outages were back as a regular part of our routine. It was not as bad as some of the terrible winters I can remember, but it was bad enough.

Winter storms sent trees across lines, causing destruction and outages on a regular basis. Line crews spent long hours putting the wires and poles back together that, in some cases, the crew had just repaired the day before.



The county’s booklet advises you may need to be prepared to survive a week or more in severe cold conditions with no utilities. Luckily, this year we did not have outages of that magnitude, but this is still good advice.

I recall outages several years ago in Glenwood and Klickitat, when KPUD hauled water and dry ice to people who were without power for a week or more and had to make do. In the country when the power goes out, generally there is no way to get water, either.

This can test one’s resolve for country living. Generally, this is when neighbors come together and turn the worst times into reminders of why we choose to live where we do.

If you would like a copy of “Tips for Country Living,” call the Klickitat County Planning Department at 773-5703. Aside from the section on utilities, it also has sections on roads, property ownership issues, living with agriculture as your neighbor and how to join the community.

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