

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.

Making life easier with less paper



Going paperless with your SMUD bill is one way to make life simpler. You'll get an email when your bill is ready, and you can view, pay and track it all online with My Account, without wasting paper.

For a limited time, we're offering you a chance to win a smart home prize pack if you sign up now with our Making Life Easier sweepstakes. Through September 10, we'll give away two prize packs including a Nest Thermostat, Google Home, Google Mini, Philips smart light, Wemo mini smart plug, plus a \$50 gift card to SMUDEnergyStore.com. To get started, visit smud.org/Paperless. •

Summer savings made simple

Temperatures are high this time of year and that can mean higher cooling bills. Here are some tips to help you stay comfortable without spending a lot.

- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher. You'll save around 5 to 10 percent on cooling costs for every two degrees you raise the temperature.
- Adjust your ceiling fans to turn counter-clockwise in the summer and use them instead of central air conditioning whenever possible. A fan costs about 90% less to operate.
- Use your oven, stove, dishwasher, dryer, washing machine and other heat-producing appliances early in the morning or later in the evening, when temperatures are cooler.
- Keep windows, blinds and draperies closed to keep the heat out and turn off unnecessary lights.

Find more ways to save year-round at smud.org/EnergyTips. •



Free classes

SMUD regularly holds a variety of educational classes and workshops at the SMUD Customer Service Center. Classes are held in the Rubicon Room, 6301 S. St., Sacramento unless otherwise noted*. Registration is required. Call **916-732-6738**, or visit **smud.org/Learn** to register.

Electricity Fair: Free family event

Saturday, September 8, 2018 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. *Historic Folsom Powerhouse

Fun for the whole family with hands-on activities with Mr. Electricity, solar bracelets and artwork using only the power of the sun.

Getting smart about smart homes

Saturday, September 22, 2018 | 10 a.m. – noon

We'll review a variety of smart home devices used for different purposes including energy efficiency, security and convenience.

Celebrating our seniors: A free community event

Saturday, September 29, 2018 | 8 a.m. – noon

This morning specifically for seniors in our community with a resource fair, educational workshops and a free breakfast.

Be your own energy detective

Saturday, October 6, 2018 | 10 a.m. – noon

* CalCERTS Training Center, 1301 Bidwell St., Folsom, CA, 95630

SMUD Energy Specialists will explain and demonstrate how to optimize your home's comfort and energy efficiency during the colder months of the year. •



Call 811 before you dig

Before you start that exciting new landscaping project, call 811 before you dig to make sure the area's safe and free of underground utility lines. In addition to calling 811, you can reach them at **800-642-2444**, or online at **usanorth811.org**. It doesn't cost you anything and gives you peace of mind! •

SMUD Board of Directors

Your elected Board of Directors holds regular meetings once a month on the third Thursday at 6 p.m. The first meeting of each quarter is held at 9 a.m. Meetings are streamed live and archived on smud.org. Meeting location: SMUD Customer Service Center, Rubicon Room, 6301 S St., Sacramento. Times and locations subject to change. For information and agendas, visit smud.org/Board, or call the SMUD Board Office at 916-732-6155.

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