

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.

Feeling the heat? Try these tips at home

With Time-of-Day Rates, small changes can mean big savings. Your dishwasher, clothes washer and dryer are some of the largest energy users in your home. Using these appliances during mid-peak or off-peak hours will save you money while keeping your home comfortable. Here are some small changes, which could mean big savings:

- **Dishwasher:** Run your dishwasher with a full load and use the air-dry option, if available. Start it when you head to bed, or better yet, first thing in the morning to take advantage of off-peak pricing.
- **Washer & dryer:** Do your laundry in the morning before 5 p.m. or after 8 p.m. weekdays, or wait until the weekend and take advantage of off-peak pricing during all hours of the day.

Need to cook? Don't sweat it. Use your cooktop to make dinner or consider using your microwave



to cook or reheat your food, it uses less than half the power of a conventional oven.

Check out smud.org/CostEstimator to see how much it costs to use your appliances during off-peak, mid-peak and peak hours.

And remember, summer rates are lowest during off-peak hours: midnight to noon, Monday through Friday. And on weekends, it's low-cost, off-peak power, all day and night!

Find more energy-saving tips at smud.org/TimeOfDay.

Strengthening our neighborhoods. Together.

Our Sustainable Communities Initiative helps bring environmental equity and economic vitality to all communities in our service area, with special attention given to historically under-served neighborhoods.

We're partnering with private industries, government agencies and nonprofits to invest in and implement programs that provide access to proven indicators of community success, such as economic prosperity, quality education and a healthy environment.

See some of our partnerships and the work we're doing at smud.org/SustainableCommunities. •



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Communities**

Electricity Fair: Fun for the whole family

Join us at the 8th annual Electricity Fair, a free family event hosted by SMUD and California State Parks at Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park.

The fair provides education and fun for the whole family where children of all ages can learn about science and energy with hands-on activities. Families can also tour the Historic Folsom powerhouse, view exhibits in the museum or take a hike along the historic canal.

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Historic Folsom Powerhouse
9980 Greenback Lane, Folsom, CA 95630

Registration is not required. Learn more at smud.org/Education. •



Your
bill,
your
way

Looking to level out your monthly bills? SMUD's Bill Pay Your Way bundle includes two programs designed to help you stay on budget.

Budget billing helps you avoid seasonal spikes in your bill by giving you a pre-determined monthly payment based on an average of your last 12 months of bills.

Included in the bundle, you'll also receive the option for a Custom Due Date. This provides flexibility to set a payment due date range that better matches your cash flow.

Get started at smud.org/BillPayYourWay. •

Free classes with SMUD

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. Visit smud.org/Learn or call **916-732-6738** to register. •

Weather-stripping saves: Hands-on practice | Saturday, Oct. 15, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. - noon

Learn how to install weather-stripping and apply caulking to seal small openings and unwanted cracks.

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.

Ward 1	Brandon Rose
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Ward 3	Gregg Fishman
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Ward 5	Rob Kerth • Vice President
Ward 6	Dave Tamayo • President
Ward 7	Heidi Sanborn

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