

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.

Summer saving tips for your home

Shifting your usage to mid-peak or off-peak hours can help you save on Time-of-Day Rates. Our summer rates are lowest during off-peak hours: midnight to noon, Monday through Friday and all hours on weekends and holidays.

Here are some tips to help you save:

- Shift non-essential electricity usage out of the 5 to 8 p.m. peak hours, Monday through Friday.
- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher. You'll save 5 to 10% on your cooling costs for every 2 degrees you increase the temperature.

- Run non-essential appliances like your dishwasher, washer and dryer during mid-peak or off-peak hours.
- Up to 20% of the cooling inside a typical home is lost through doors and windows, so be sure to check the weather stripping and caulking.
- Replace the air filter on your HVAC regularly. Dirty filters can cause your air conditioner to use up to 10% more energy than necessary.



Get more energy-saving tips at smud.org/TimeOfDay •

Life's easier with paperless billing



Going paperless with your SMUD bill is one way to keep things simple. We'll email you when your bill is ready, and you can view, pay and track it all online with My Account.

For a limited time, we're offering you a chance to win a smart home prize pack if you sign up for our **Making Life Easier** sweepstakes. Through Sept. 10, we'll give away 2 prize packs including a Nest thermostat, Google Home, Google Mini, Philips smart light, Wemo mini smart plug and a \$50 gift card to SMUDEnergyStore.com.

Visit smud.org/Paperless to get started with paperless billing and enter the sweepstakes. •

Trees do more than provide shade

Planting trees can provide shade for your home and beautify your yard and they also help clean the air we breathe. Through our partnership with the Sacramento Tree Foundation, SMUD's Shade Tree Program has expanded to include more carbon reducing trees and allows customers to now receive up to 10 free trees.

If you've previously received a tree from SMUD's Shade Tree Program, you may be eligible for more.

Learn more at smud.org/ShadeTrees. •



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. •

**Build your own solar robot:
Family-friendly maker class**
(Ages 8+)
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**Who left the lights on at
the zoo: Family-friendly class**
(Ages 7+)
Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Is solar right for you?
Thursday,
Aug. 22, 2019
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



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why we care so much?

We're community-owned, not-for-profit.

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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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