

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



September 2019
Powering forward. Together.

Summer Time-of-Day Rates end Sept. 30, try these tips at home

Our summer rates end Sept. 30 but you can continue to manage your electricity bills by shifting your usage to off-peak hours: before 5 p.m. or after 8 p.m. weekdays, as well as all hours on weekends and holidays. The price to use electricity is lowest during off-peak hours. Here are some small changes that can keep your home comfortable and help you save money on your electric bill:

Laundry: Take advantage of the morning hours to do your laundry, it's when the price to use electricity is lowest. Wash full loads whenever possible and switch your temperature setting from hot to warm to cut energy use in half for a single load. Using the cold cycle can reduce energy use even more. About 90% of the energy consumed for washing clothes is used to heat the water.

Thermostat: Even when no one is home, your heating and cooling systems are still using energy to maintain the temperature set on your thermostat. By adjusting your thermostat a few degrees during peak hours, you can save on heating and cooling costs.

Weatherization: Up to 20% of the heating or cooling inside a typical home is lost through doors and windows, so be sure to check the weather stripping and caulking.

Check out smud.org/CostEstimator to see how much it costs to use your appliances during off-peak and peak hours on non-summer rates.

For more energy-saving tips, visit smud.org/TimeOfDay.



**\$75
REBATE***

Time's running out—get \$75 to recycle your old fridge or freezer

Rebates are changing at the end of the year, so now's the time to pull the plug on that energy hog. Recycle it with SMUD and we'll give you a \$75 rebate, plus we'll pick it up for FREE. You'll save up to \$125 a year on your electric bill and keep your fridge or freezer out of the landfill, too.

Learn more or schedule a pick-up at smud.org/Recycling.

*For a limited time

Paving the way to a greener tomorrow

SMUD's your partner in making cleaner, greener and more sustainable energy choices.

For just a few more dollars per month, SMUD's Greenergy® program will meet up to 100% of your electricity needs with power from renewable sources like wind, water, solar and biomass. We also offer incentives and a special electric vehicle charging rate, and through our partnership with the Sacramento Tree Foundation, you can get free shade trees to shade and beautify your home and the community.

Let's work together to help our planet. Learn more at smud.org/GoGreen.



Wonder why we invest in clean power?
We're community-owned, not-for-profit.
smud.org/Community SMUD

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. 5, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – noon

Who left the lights on at the zoo?: Family-friendly class | Sat., Oct. 19, 2019 | 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Is solar right for you? | Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. •

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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