

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.



Powering a clean energy future with dairy

What does it mean to create a sustainable future? It means using every tool in our tool box to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and tackle one of our region's most pressing challenges—climate change.

At SMUD, we're using dairy digesters to produce biomass power, a renewable energy source that helps improve air and water quality. Five of

California's 15 digesters are operating in SMUD's service area, and we're using this clean, local energy resource – in addition to wind, solar, hydro and geothermal power – to reduce carbon emissions.

Today, the electricity we generate is about 50% carbon-free and it's getting greener every day. But our work isn't done. For over 70

years, we've been committed to reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible power for our customers and community. Today, we're acting with an even greater sense of urgency and reaffirming our commitment to a clean energy future, for now and for generations to come.

Learn more about our efforts at [smud.org/CleanEnergy](https://www.smud.org/CleanEnergy). •

Brighten the holidays for those in need

Now, more than ever, we realize the value of community. So, this holiday season, every purchase you make at [SMUDEnergyStore.com](https://www.smudenergystore.com) will do even more than save you energy and money. For every item sold from **Nov. 1** through **Dec. 31, 2020**, we'll donate \$10 to SMUD's EnergyHELP program, which helps customers in need pay their electric bills and access essential services such as food, clothing,

job training and childcare. Plus, for each energy-saving power strip sold, we'll donate one to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento.

Shop with us at [SMUDEnergyStore.com](https://www.smudenergystore.com) and join us in making the season a little brighter for everyone in our community. •

Make the switch to induction cooking and get \$750

Many of us are spending more time at home these days, and that means using a little bit more energy. By converting your gas or standard electric stove to an induction cooktop, you'll save on energy costs and get a \$750 rebate from SMUD when you make the switch.

Induction cooktops heat up nearly twice as fast as gas or standard electric stoves. The technology also eliminates the pollutants associated with burning gas and is a cleaner, healthier alternative. And, unless there's cookware on it, the sealed cooktop doesn't heat up even if it's turned on, so it's safer and easier to clean.

Learn more about induction cooking and our rebates at smud.org/Induction.



Free virtual event for seniors



Registration is now open for SMUD's Celebrating Our Seniors, an event we put on to provide our seniors with tips and tools on how to lower their energy usage and save money.

Your health, well-being and safety are our top priority, which is why we moved this year's event to an online format that you can enjoy from home.

Register anytime during the month of November and we'll email you a link to an interactive session, where you'll learn about:

- Life changing lighting.
- Controlling your SMUD bill.
- Connecting your home using smart technology.

- SMUD programs and community services available for you.

The first 500 SMUD customers that register and complete the interactive session and feedback survey will receive a free gift that includes a magnifier, LED nightlight and a directory of senior resources.

Register now at smud.org/Learn.

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. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Board meetings are currently held online. Visit smud.org/Board for the latest information.

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