

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.



Let's create a Clean PowerCitySM

Did you know a recent report by the American Lung Association ranked the Sacramento area 6th in the nation based on days of unhealthy and unsafe levels of air pollution in the ozone layer? And while much has been done over the years to improve air quality, there's more work to do.

That's why we're committed to eliminating 100% of our greenhouse gas emissions from our electric generation by 2030. As the most ambitious goal of any large utility in the United States, we're leading the way so that every city we serve can live where the air is fresh and where we take care of the planet. We know that providing carbon-free energy is essential to improving our air quality, protecting our planet and creating a healthier, cleaner environment for our community.

We're all part of the solution, and you can join us in our clean energy journey. Learn how you can join the charge at [CleanPowerCity.org](https://www.cleanpowercity.org). •

Play it safe: Keep balloons from drifting away

They're festive, colorful and at most graduation ceremonies, but drifting balloons can also be dangerous – especially mylar or metallic ones.

When metallic balloons contact power lines they can cause outages and fallen wires, posing a serious risk to people, pets and property.



Enjoy your balloons, but please:

- Don't retrieve balloons caught in power lines.
- Stay away from downed or dangling wires.
- Use only non-metallic string or streamers with balloons and avoid bundling them together.
- Prevent helium-filled balloons from drifting away outdoors.

Report downed power lines immediately by calling SMUD at **1-888-456-SMUD** (7683) or call **911**. •

Make our communities Shine



Applications are now being accepted for our Shine community development awards. Now in its 5th year, Shine invests in projects that support social well-being, healthy environments, prosperous economies, mobility and clean energy solutions in our service area.

Shine awards are competitive and funds are limited. Applicants are encouraged to apply before the deadline at **5 p.m. on July 30**. Any nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) designation within our service area is eligible to apply.

We'll also hold virtual information sessions for nonprofits that want to learn more about the Shine program and its community impact. Register for a session and learn more at smud.org/Shine. •



Let's stay connected with free, online classes

Our Community Education & Technology Center offers free, online classes taught by energy experts to give you all the information you need to be energy-efficient, save money and make informed decisions.

Is an electric vehicle right for you? | Thurs., Aug. 5 | Noon-1 p.m.

Are you thinking about buying an electric vehicle? Join us for an overview of electric vehicle basics before making this very important investment. Topics include what to know before buying, charging technologies and discounted rate options.

Get a complete list of classes and register at smud.org/Learn. •

SMUD Board of Directors

Your elected Board of Directors holds regular meetings once a month on the third Thursday at 5:30 p.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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