

# Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.



## Clean PowerCity<sup>SM</sup> movement is happening

Our commitment to zero carbon by 2030 means we're creating more energy from completely renewable resources, accelerating clean energy with the region's first grid-scale battery farm and setting an example for the rest of the world to follow. Working together, we can meet this ambitious goal so we can all live in a Clean PowerCity.

We know that providing carbon-free energy is essential to improving our air quality and creating a healthier, cleaner environment for future generations.

Help us lead the global Clean PowerCity movement right here at home and check out 37 ways you can "Join the Charge." Learn more at [CleanPowerCity.org](https://CleanPowerCity.org). •

## Your safety, our priority

Over the last few years, California has experienced some of the most destructive wildfires on record. Keeping you safe is our top priority. While the risk of wildfires is low in our service area, our crews work year-round to mitigate potential wildfire threats through ongoing inspection and maintenance of our equipment.

Our vegetation management crews also regularly inspect and maintain vegetation around SMUD's power lines. We also use digital

technology to identify trees and other vegetation around our power lines that could pose threats to public safety and SMUD's power system.

We also look for ways to constantly improve our programs to mitigate fire risk and maintain reliability with various tools like real time monitoring weather stations.

Visit [smud.org/WildfireSafety](https://smud.org/WildfireSafety) for valuable information, downloadable emergency preparedness guides and more. •



## Maximize your solar with storage

SMUD has been a leader in solar energy for over 30 years. We're offering incentives of up to \$2,500 for customers to install battery storage. When paired with rooftop solar, batteries offer even greater benefits than rooftop solar alone. They can store your solar energy for later use when the sun isn't shining, or for use during peak hours when electricity costs the most, which can help lower your bill. A battery storage system can also serve as a backup power source in the event of a power outage.

Incentives are available for customers adding a new rooftop solar system with battery storage or a battery storage system to your home.

To learn more, visit [smud.org/StorageRes](https://smud.org/StorageRes). •

## Stay cool and save energy and money

SMUD's annual summer Time-of-Day Rates are here through Sept. 30. During the hot summer months ahead, you can stay cool while saving money on your bill. To reduce your electricity use between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. weekdays when electricity costs the most, try these tips:



- Before 5 p.m. on weekdays, precool your home. Turn on the air conditioning in the morning, then set your thermostat a few degrees higher between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. For every two degrees you raise the temperature on your thermostat, you can save 5 to 10% on your cooling costs.
- From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, try to avoid using multiple appliances like your dishwasher and washer and dryer at the same time.
- Consider doing household chores like laundry or running your dishwasher before noon or after midnight on weekdays to take advantage of our lowest summer off-peak rates. Or schedule chores for any time on weekends and holidays when all hours are at the lowest off-peak price.

Visit [smud.org/TimeOfDay](https://smud.org/TimeOfDay) for more energy saving tips. •

### 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](https://smud.org). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Board meetings are currently held online. Visit [smud.org/Board](https://smud.org/Board) for the latest information.

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