

# Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.

## Save with rebates when you go electric

If you're looking to make the switch from gas to electric appliances, we can help. Rebates are available for induction cooktops, heat pump water heaters, heat pump HVAC systems, electric vehicle chargers and more. And we have a network of qualified contractors to work with you through the process, including when applying for rebates and incentives.

Financing is also available. With a Sustainable Home Improvement Loan, additional upgrades like new countertops can be bundled with your project. As long as your project includes an energy efficiency upgrade, you're eligible to apply for this financing. Visit [smud.org/Loans](https://smud.org/Loans) for more information.

Going electric not only saves on energy costs, it's also safer, healthier and better for the environment. Let's improve the comfort of your home, save energy and reduce air pollution in our region, together. Learn more at [smud.org/Rebates](https://smud.org/Rebates).

## Summer rates are here

Summer rates are here from June 1 through September 30.

Here are some tips on how you can beat the heat and keep your home cool and comfortable in the months ahead:



- Reducing your air conditioning use is the most effective way to save energy. In many homes, you can raise the temperature 3-4 degrees and still stay comfortable by closing window blinds and drapes and using fans.
- Precool your home during the weekdays before 5 p.m. Turn on the air conditioning in the morning, then turn it off before the peak hours of 5-8 p.m. to enjoy the cool air you have stored up.
- Avoid heating up your kitchen by preparing cold meals or using small appliances, like microwaves or toaster ovens to cook.

Visit [smud.org/TimeOfDay](https://smud.org/TimeOfDay) to find more ways to reduce your electricity use while still staying cool and safe.

clean power my drive up to \$750 rebate  
[smud.org/DriveElectric](https://smud.org/DriveElectric)

## Make our communities Shine

Applications are now being accepted for our Shine community development awards. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> 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 August 1**. All applicants must be incorporated nonprofit organizations within our service area.

For more details on how to apply, register for a Shine application webinar and learn more about the program at [smud.org/Shine](https://smud.org/Shine). •

## Play it safe: Keep balloons from drifting away



They're festive, colorful and at most graduation ceremonies and many other celebrations, 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:

- Prevent helium-filled balloons from drifting away outdoors.
- 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.

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

## 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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