

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



September 2022

Powering forward. Together.

Summer rates end Sept. 30



Summer rates end September 30, but summer temperatures are still hanging around. By continuing to reduce your electricity use from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. or shifting usage to off-peak hours, you can keep your bill low without sacrificing comfort. Off-peak hours are before 5 p.m. and after 8 p.m. weekdays and all hours on weekends and holidays. Lowering energy use is good for your wallet, the power grid and the environment, too!

We have tips and tools to help you save energy and lower your electric bills all year long. Visit smud.org/TimeOfDay. •



We get power from many sources, including hydropower, solar, wind and biomass, as well as natural gas-fired plants. Today, our power is about 50% carbon free and it's getting greener all the time. Our bold new 2030 Zero Carbon Plan, the most aggressive carbon reduction plan of any large utility in the country, puts us on a path to eliminate 100% of carbon emissions from our power supply by 2030.

To view SMUD's 2021 Power Content Label, visit smud.org/SMUDPCL. The label compares SMUD's power mix to the State of California power mix. You can also view SMUD's 2030 Zero Carbon Plan and see how you can join the charge at CleanPowerCity.org. •

Battery storage incentives up to \$2,500

Are you considering battery storage? Now's a great time. By partnering with SMUD through our new My Energy OptimizerSM program, you can earn financial incentives for making your battery storage unit an even smarter device.

Your battery will be optimized to reduce energy usage during the hours when demand is highest and clean energy resources are less plentiful. This could include shifting the time when your battery is used to power your home. The interactions would be seamless to you and no extra effort is needed on your part.

To be eligible for the program, you must have a battery storage unit installed at your home and participate in SMUD's new Solar and Storage Rate.

Visit smud.org/StorageResidential for more information and to learn how you can receive up to \$2,500 in rebates. •

Free and fun workshops for you

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 a heat pump water heater right for you? | Thursday, Oct. 6 | Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Have you heard the term heat pump water heater and wondered – what is that? Or maybe you've been considering installing one and want more information. Join us while a SMUD Energy Advisor answers the most popular questions that customers ask when considering a new water heating system.

Is battery storage right for you? | Thursday, Oct. 13 | Noon – 1 p.m.

Is buying a residential battery storage system cost-effective? Will it provide back-up power and energy independence? This workshop, taught by SMUD's battery storage expert, will cover energy consumption, upfront costs, bill savings and payback.

All classes are free and will remain virtual, but registration is required. Learn more at smud.org/Learn. •



Wonder why we invest in local education?

We're community-owned, not-for-profit and we believe a strong foundation in education is the key to a brighter tomorrow. We're working with local teachers to prepare the next generation of leaders in science, technology, engineering and math – offering free videos, lessons and other classroom resources, as well as offering parents online learning resources. We're also proud to provide opportunities for college scholarships and student internships. Learn more at smud.org/Community. •

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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