

# Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.



## Switch to induction cooking and get up to \$750

Thinking about upgrading your cooktop or range? Consider induction! Induction is super efficient and heats up twice as fast as gas and standard electric stoves, sending almost all the heat right to your pan and leaving your kitchen cooler. It's also safer and easier to clean since it stays cool where there's no pan in contact. Plus, no gas means no fumes, so it's better for your health and the environment.

Learn about the benefits of induction cooking and our rebates at [smud.org/Induction](https://smud.org/Induction). •

## Keeping our community and crews safe

We work in our community daily to provide you with safe, reliable electric service. Our employees always carry photo ID. If you have any concerns about work in your neighborhood, feel free to ask our crews for verification and call us at **1-888-742-SMUD (7683)** to confirm. Learn more at [smud.org/Safety](https://smud.org/Safety). •



## Giving Fridays AT THE FAIR

Fridays, July 17, 24 & 31

We're excited to partner again with Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and Cal Expo to offer **free entry to the California State Fair** for visitors who donate 5 non-perishable food items. All donations support community members facing food insecurity in the Sacramento region.

High-protein items are needed most. Other helpful items include:

- Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter
- Canned beans
- Soups and stews
- Canned vegetables

While you're there, visit our booth to learn how you can be part of a clean energy future and check out our induction cooking demonstrations.

Learn more at [smud.org/StateFair](https://smud.org/StateFair). •



## Powering safety, preventing wildfires

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 inspections, equipment maintenance and our robust vegetation management program. We've also added more safety and reliability measures to make the electric grid even stronger during extreme weather.

Our vegetation management crews regularly inspect and maintain our equipment and the vegetation around our power lines from the sky

and the ground. We also use digital technology and real-time weather monitoring stations to identify trees and other vegetation that could pose threats to public safety and our power system.

We're constantly enhancing our wildfire mitigation program while maintaining world-class reliability.

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



## Tips to save energy and money

Join us to learn easy ways to save energy and money. Visit [smud.org/Learn](https://smud.org/Learn) for a variety of free, educational classes and workshops about energy savings tips and clean energy technology. Short on time? We've got you covered. Explore our library of videos at [smud.org/EnergyVideos](https://smud.org/EnergyVideos). •

### SMUD Board of Directors

Your elected Board of Directors holds regular meetings once a month on the third Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. Meetings are streamed live and archived on [smud.org](https://smud.org).

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