

# Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.

## Save big this holiday season

Find great deals on energy-saving products at **SMUDEnergyStore.com**. From smart thermostats to LED lights, there's something for every home and budget, whether you rent or own. Plus, we offer exclusive instant rebates throughout the store.

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## Prepare for storms

When storms knock out power, our crews work around the clock to safely restore service as quickly as possible. Be ready with a storm kit with items like these:

- Portable cell phone charger
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated radio
- Fresh drinking water
- Extra batteries
- Manual can opener

If you lose power, check to see if the lights are out at your neighbors' homes — if they are, chances are, you're part of a larger outage. Let us know by using one of these easy ways to report an outage:

- Visit **smud.org/Outages**.
- Text "OUT" to **MYSMUD (697683)** from your account's primary cell phone number.
- Use the SMUD app.
- Call **1-888-456-SMUD (7683)**.

Visit **smud.org/Storms** for more information about storm-related outages and safety tips. •



## Recycle your holiday tree

Give your holiday tree the proper send-off by recycling it for free at any of the following locations. Please remove all tinsel, lights, tree stands and nails. Flocked trees are not accepted for recycling.



### North Area Recovery Station\*

4450 Roseville Road | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 3 & Sunday, Jan. 4

### Kiefer Landfill\*

12701 Kiefer Blvd. | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 3 & Sunday, Jan. 4

### Elder Creek Recovery & Transfer

8642 Elder Creek Road | 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 3

### Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station

8491 Fruitridge Road | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Monday - Saturday, Dec. 26 - Jan. 5

### Folsom - Dan Russell Rodeo Arena

Rodeo Park, end of Stafford St. | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 10

### SMUD Corporation Yard

6100 Folsom Blvd. | 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 3

*\*Nonprofits and community organizations with loads in excess of 5 trees must be issued a voucher for the trees to be accepted at no charge. For more information, email [SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov](mailto:SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov). •*

## Rate changes

SMUD's rates will increase for residential and business customers by 3% on Jan. 1, 2026, as approved by our Board in 2025. Our rates remain among the lowest in California and on average more than 50% lower than our neighboring investor-owned utility.

Learn more about our 2026 rate changes at [smud.org/RateChanges](https://smud.org/RateChanges). •

## 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).

Visit [smud.org/Board](https://smud.org/Board) for the latest information.

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SMUD is located at 6301 S St., Sacramento, CA 95817. To manage your account online, pay your bill or view your energy usage, go to [smud.org/MyAccount](https://smud.org/MyAccount).