

# Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.

## Join HomePower® for peace of mind all year

For just \$7.50 a month, HomePower covers up to \$500 a year in electrical repairs for your home. It's an easy, trusted solution for common electrical issues like faulty outlets, switches, circuit breakers and more.

There's no deductible and you get 15% off any electrical repairs not covered by the program. Some restrictions apply.

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



## Stay safe and warm this winter

During the colder months, it's important to stay safe while heating your home. Check out these tips:



- Never use a barbecue grill in an enclosed area.
- Never heat a room with a stove, oven, kerosene heater, dryer or other non-ventilated heaters.
- Never burn anything in your fireplace that is not recommended by the manufacturer, such as treated or painted wood.
- Never use gasoline or starter fluid to ignite a fire in the fireplace.

Learn more about safe home heating at [smud.org/Safety](https://smud.org/Safety). •



## Life is priceless, drive safely

Each year, over 200 drivers crash into our power poles and electric equipment. This can cause widespread outages, costly repairs and in some cases, loss of life.

Avoid distracted driving with these safety tips:

- Use your cell phone for emergency situations only — and only after pulling over.
- Consider keeping your phone out of sight.
- Avoid eating while driving.
- Don't multi-task.
- Adjust your driving during extreme weather.

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

## Clear the clutter

Kick off the new year by going paperless! Save time, reduce paper waste and help the environment!

Paperless billing is fast, secure and easy. View, pay and track your bill — all online.

Find out more at [smud.org/Paperless](https://smud.org/Paperless) or sign up now at [smud.org/MyAccount](https://smud.org/MyAccount). •



## Discover, learn and grow with virtual classes and more

Looking to learn something new in 2026? Visit [smud.org/Learn](https://smud.org/Learn) for a wide range of free, educational classes and workshops about electricity and clean energy technology. Explore videos and learn how to save money on your bill at [smud.org/EnergyVideos](https://smud.org/EnergyVideos). •



### SMUD Board of Directors

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

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