

# Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.

## Reduce your electricity use from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



There are easy, no-cost things you can do to reduce your electricity use during peak hours, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays. This is important because that's when energy use is the highest and it costs the most.

You can set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher. Also, try to do chores like laundry and run your dishwasher before 5 p.m. or after 8 p.m. during the week. This way, you can save money by using less electricity.

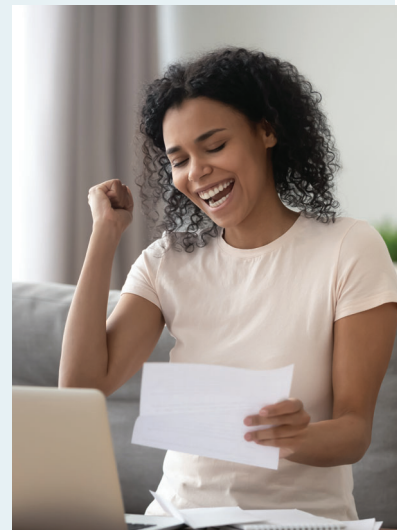
See which appliances cost the most to use during peak hours and learn how to make changes to save at [smud.org/CostEstimator](https://smud.org/CostEstimator). •

## Clean power rebates

We have rebates to help you upgrade to electric appliances. Going electric is better for the environment, safer, healthier and can help save you money on your energy costs.

- **Induction cooktop rebate up to \$750** – Keep your kitchen cool this summer while improving your indoor air quality with a new induction cooktop or range.
- **Heat pump HVAC rebate up to \$2,500** – Three times more efficient than gas, a heat pump HVAC system can deliver comfort and reduce your energy bills.
- **Heat pump water heater rebate up to \$3,000** – Reduce electricity use for water heating and lower your bill.

Find the latest rebates at [smud.org/GoElectric](https://smud.org/GoElectric). •





Keeping you safe is our top priority. Over the last decade, California has experienced some of the most destructive wildfires on record. While the risk of wildfires is low in our service area, our crews work year-round to mitigate potential wildfire threats.

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. •

## Get paid to save with My Energy Optimizer®



Turn up the IQ on your smart thermostat! Sign up for My Energy Optimizer to help keep energy affordable and reliable for our community. On occasional days when energy demand is extra high in the summer, My Energy Optimizer will automatically adjust your thermostat and find the best times to cool your home. You'll get a \$50 prepaid Mastercard® for joining, plus \$25 for each summer you participate. Join today at [MyEnergyOptimizer.org](https://MyEnergyOptimizer.org). •

## SMUD Board of Directors

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