

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



January 2024

Powering forward. Together.



Start the new year with predictable bills

Stay on track with a predictable bill and your preferred payment due date.

We're here to help you get organized in the new year with Bill Pay Your Way, which combines our Budget Billing and Custom Due Date programs to give you more control over how you pay your bill.

Budget Billing takes the surprise out of your bill by setting it at the same monthly payment for a full year. This can be very useful when budgeting your household expenses.

Custom Due Date gives you the flexibility of choosing a payment due date range that works with your paydays or scheduled deposits.

Find out more and sign up online for a full year of predictable bills at smud.org/BillPayYourWay. •

Join Peak ConserveSM to help our community—and the environment

Start the year off right with a resolution to help save energy when it matters most! Peak Conserve is a program that reduces strain on the grid when electricity demand is high in the summer. By using less power during these peak times, we can keep our grid affordable and reliable, and create a healthier environment, too.

We're looking for eligible customers to enroll now so we can be prepared when the demand for energy rises.

- Join now and get a \$50 enrollment bonus, plus a \$25 participation bonus after each summer.
- We'll install a small device on your home's central air conditioning unit that can cycle off your air conditioner periodically, but only during conservation events between June 1 and Sept. 30.
- We'll notify you before a Peak Conserve event so you can plan your energy use.

Please visit smud.org/PeakConserve for details and qualifications. •



Apply for a Powering Futures Scholarship

We're proud to support local students again this year with "Powering Futures," our annual college scholarship program. We'll award up to \$60,000 for the next generation of leaders. Scholarships range from \$1,000 – \$4,000 each for up to 21 students.

To apply, students must be a SMUD customer or have a SMUD customer as a legal guardian. Awards are based on merit and financial need with preference given to students with a major that's relevant to SMUD. Scholarships may also include a paid SMUD internship for eligible students.

Applications will be accepted Feb. 1 – March 1, 2024. To learn more, visit smud.org/Scholarships. •

Life is priceless, drive safely

Each year, well over 200 vehicles crash into our power poles and electric equipment. In many cases, this results in widespread outages and, in some cases tragically, loss of life. Here are some tips to avoid distraction while driving:

- Use your cell phone for emergency situations only and after pulling over. Consider keeping it in the glovebox of your vehicle or another area where you can't see it.
- Avoid eating while driving.
- Don't multi-task while operating a vehicle.
- Adjust your driving during extreme weather conditions. Wet roads can be slick.

To learn more, visit smud.org/DriveSafe. •



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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.

Visit smud.org/Board for the latest information.

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