## Connections



June 2024

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#### Save money and energy this summer

Summer rates are June 1 through September 30. Rates are highest during peak hours, which are from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekends and holidays are off-peak hours. Here are some tips to help you reduce your energy usage and lower your bill during summer.

- If possible, reduce or avoid running appliances and large equipment during peak hours.
- Consider pre-cooling your space before 4 p.m. and then raising the temperature on your thermostat. The pre-cooling can help your facility stay comfortable throughout the peak period.
- SMUD measures energy usage in 15-minute intervals, so spread out or schedule equipment start times at least 15 minutes apart.

Contact your Strategic Account Advisor for more tips at smud.org/MyAdvisor. •

# Make our communities

Applications are now being accepted for our Shine awards, a fund-matching opportunity for nonprofits.

In its 8th year, Shine invests in projects that support zero carbon workforce development, environmental justice and equity, inclusive economic development and STEM education in the Sacramento region.

Shine awards are competitive and funds are limited.

Applicants are encouraged to apply before the deadline at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31. All applicants must be incorporated nonprofit organizations within SMUD's service area.

To learn more, visit **smud.org/Shine** and register for a Shine application webinar. •

### Save energy and money with an efficient HVAC

Running your Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) system efficiently is an easy way to reduce your business's energy consumption, especially during the summer months when rates are higher. Here are some quick tips to help you increase your HVAC efficiency:

- Regularly change or clean HVAC filters every month during peak cooling or heating season. Dirty filters cost more to use, overwork the equipment and result in lower indoor air quality.
- Make sure the areas in front of vents are clear of furniture and paper. Blocked vents can require as much as 25% more energy to distribute air.
- Replace air handler filters frequently. This keeps the air clean and prevents equipment from working harder to force air through dirty filters.
- Clean the evaporator and condenser coils on heat pumps, air-conditioners or chillers. Dirty coils prevent heat transfer and keeping coils clean saves energy.

Find more tips at <a href="mailto:smud.org/EnergySavingTips">smud.org/EnergySavingTips</a>. •

#### Free classes for your business

We offer classes for businesses on a wide-range of topics to keep you up to date. Classes are free, but registration is required. Learn more at smud.org/Workshops.

Sneak peek: 2022 Title 24 for non-residential buildinas

Tuesday, Sept. 17 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Online

Going all electric - Decarbonization 101 - A starting guide for commercial buildings and leased spaces Wednesday, Sept. 18 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Online

Reducing energy costs - Using thermal energy storage to reduce costs

Tuesday, Oct. 8 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. | Online

#### 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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