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# Earn rewards by using less power on Reduce Your Use days

tarting June 1, you can earn credits on your SDG&E® bill by using less electricity on Reduce Your Use days. It's easy.

**1. Set up** Reduce Your Use alerts at sdge.com/reduceuse.

2. We'll text or email you before a Reduce Your Use day.

3. Save electricity
between 11 a.m. and
6 p.m. on the Reduce
Your Use day.

 Your reward will appear as a monthly credit on your SDG&E bill.

You can also view your reward online and track your energy use and savings. Log in to My Account at sdge.com/myaccount and click the "My Energy" tab for tools and charts showing how much electricity you've used and if you've saved enough on a Reduce Your Use day to earn bill credits.

We call Reduce Your Use days when an unusual situation requires saving energy. An example is during extremely hot summer days MAY/JUNE 2012

## Set up your alerts today

It's easy to set up Reduce Your Use alerts.

- ▶ Go to sdge.com/reduceuse.
- Enter your account number and contact info.
- to receive your alerts and results as text messages, emails or both

when air-conditioning use peaks. Participation is optional but we encourage you to give it a try since every bit helps.

To learn more about Reduce Your Use days, visit *sdge.com/reduceuse* and watch the video. You'll also find answers to frequently asked questions and a link to set up your alerts.

Diane Schneider of San Diego will sweeten the savings she gets from energy-efficient appliances by taking action on Reduce Your Use days. Simple steps in her household of seven may include running appliances during off-peak hours, and turning off TVs and electronic games to save energy and money.

>>> For more info, visit us anytime at **sdge.com**.



#### See what's new at *sdge.com*

Check out sdge.com to find out what's new. We update our website daily to help keep you informed about energy matters that may interest you. Visit today for:

- Programs and services that can help you save energy and money.
- Community events such as environmental fairs and lighting exchanges.
- News about key initiatives such as the smart grid and what it means for you.
- Videos on our Summer Saver program, plug-in electric vehicles, customer assistance and much more.

#### You're invited

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you: events that make it fun and easy to learn how you can earn up to \$4,000 in rebates for energy-smart home improvements. Check out our calendar of community events and details about Energy Upgrade California™ at *sdge.com/energyupgrade*.

# Get a head start on your summer energy savings

You can get a head start on summer energy savings by taking a few simple steps now. To prepare for hot weather:

- Schedule a tuneup for your central air conditioner before you need to run it. An annual checkup by a qualified contractor will help it cool your home more efficiently. You may even be able to earn an incentive through the AC Quality Care program. For more information, visit our authorized contractor's website at acqualitycare.com.
- Perform routine maintenance for your central air conditioner, such as replacing dirty filters.
   Look for the manufacturer's recommendations in the owner's manual.
- Sign up for Summer Saver and earn a credit on your SDG&E bill. We'll install a Summer Saver device on your central airconditioning unit at no cost, and activate it for up to 15 days from May through October. It will cycle your central air conditioner on and off for a few hours to help save electricity when needed most.

• Seal air
leaks around
the house to
keep cool
conditioned
air inside and
summer heat
outside. Use
weatherstripping to close
gaps between
moving parts
of doors and w



Using fans instead of your central air conditioner can save up to 90% on cooling costs.

- of doors and windows. Use caulk to plug cracks or openings on stationary surfaces.
- Check out our rebates before replacing your old air conditioner or making home improvements. You may be able to get cash back for energy-efficient choices, and save money for years to come.

### For details about specific programs plus more tips, visit sdge.com/summer.

NOTE: Energy-efficiency programs are funded by California utility customers and administered by SDG&E under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. SDG&E is not responsible for goods and services selected by the customer.

