

# energynotes

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## Helping you get your home ready for cooler weather

**M**ake the most of your energy dollars by getting your home ready for cooler weather. Here are four ways we can help you improve energy efficiency, comfort and safety where you live.

**Energy Upgrade California™** makes energy-smart whole-house improvements easier and more affordable. You can get incentives of \$1,000 to \$4,000 on projects that reduce energy costs while improving comfort and indoor air quality. Last year, participating customers averaged 25% in energy savings.

Visit [sdge.com/energyupgrade](http://sdge.com/energyupgrade) for more information, including a short video and a list of contractors trained to guide you through the process.

**Energy Savings Assistance Program** offers free appliances and services if you meet the income guidelines, receive benefits from a public assistance program or recently lost your job. Keep your home warm with free services such as furnace repair or replacement, attic insulation and sealing of doors and windows. View the video or apply at [sdge.com/esap](http://sdge.com/esap).

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## ▶ A call to savings

Find out what options you've got for saving energy and money. Contact our **Energy Savings Center** at 1-800-644-6133 or [ESC@semprautilities.com](mailto:ESC@semprautilities.com), from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our specialists will help you take advantage of offerings that best suit your needs, such as rebates and assistance services.

**Home energy-efficiency rebates** are available for some of the most popular appliances and home improvements, such as a \$200 rebate for qualified central natural gas furnaces and rebates on insulation (\$0.15/sq. ft.). Learn more at [sdge.com/rebates](http://sdge.com/rebates).

**Annual safety checkups** on gas furnaces and other appliances are free for our natural gas customers. To schedule, call **1-800-411-7343** or visit [sdge.com/serviceorder](http://sdge.com/serviceorder), and have your SDG&E® account number handy. ■

**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.



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# Know the signs of faulty wiring

## Save \$275 on average with CARE

See if you qualify for savings of up to 35% off your SDG&E bill with **California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)**. CARE savings average \$275 per year for more than 300,000 people.

You may qualify if you recently lost your job or meet the income guidelines established for the program. It's easy to apply. Visit [sdge.com/care](http://sdge.com/care), complete the CARE application enclosed with your current bill, or call **1-877-646-5525** and have your bill handy for account information. ■



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According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), electrical distribution and lighting equipment ranks among the leading causes of fires in homes. The NFPA recommends calling a qualified electrician for an inspection if you've noticed any of the following warning signs of electrical hazards:

- **Blown fuses** that need to be replaced frequently.
- **Tripping circuit breakers** that must be repeatedly reset.
- **A tingling feeling** when you touch an electric appliance or other metal objects. Unplug the appliance and stop using it until the source of the shock can be fixed.
- **Wall outlets and switch plates** that are discolored, warm to the touch or emitting sparks. This could mean arcing, smoldering, burning, damaged or improperly installed wiring is hidden behind the outlet or switch, so don't use it.
- **A burning or rubbery smell** coming from an appliance. It could be overheating or malfunctioning, so unplug it or turn off the circuit breaker.
- **Flickering or dimming lights.** This could mean a short in the



*For your safety, be sure to contact a qualified electrician for an inspection of your home's electrical wiring if you notice certain warning signs.*

wiring, arcing or an overloaded electric system.

Also arrange an electrical inspection when you buy or remodel a house, especially one that's over 25 years old. For more information on preventing electrical fires, visit [nfpa.org/electricalfires](http://nfpa.org/electricalfires). ■

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