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Easy ways to save money and manage your budget

Are you feeling the squeeze on your household budget? One way to gain more control is to take advantage of our programs and services. Consider these budget-friendly ideas:

- **Manage your energy use** by keeping appliances in good working order, installing low-flow devices on water fixtures and replacing incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient equivalents. See sdge.com/energytips for easy and affordable ways to save.
- **Take advantage of incentives** when you recycle old working refrigerators, freezers and room air conditioners or purchase eligible home improvement items, such as insulation. See table on back page and at sdge.com/rebates.
- **Make your bill more predictable** by enrolling in our Level Pay Plan, which averages out the highs and lows, making monthly fluctuations a thing of the past. See sdge.com/customer-service and click "Billing and Payment Options" in the list on the left.



John Gordon, one of our energy services specialists, says, "We're here to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but if you prefer the convenience of online services and information, be sure to visit sdge.com."

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Click-start Green Button

Our new "Green Button" gives you quick, easy access to information about your electricity use. To download your data, simply log in to My Account at sdge.com/myaccount and click:

1. The "My Energy" tab.
2. The "Energy Charts" link.
3. The Green Button.



Green Button
Download
My Data

- **See if limited income or special needs will help you qualify for additional assistance** through programs such as *California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)*, which offers a monthly discount of up to 35% off your energy bill; *Medical Baseline*, which can save an average of 30% per month for those with qualifying medical conditions; or the *Energy Savings Assistance Program*, offering free appliances, weatherization services and minor home improvements to qualifying homeowners and renters. Start with sdge.com/care and click menu items on the left. ■

▶▶▶ For more info, visit us anytime at sdge.com.



For safety, secure your dog during service calls

Your dog may be your best friend, but even the friendliest canine may bite if it feels threatened or to protect its owner. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, co-sponsor of National Dog Bite Prevention Week slated for May 20-26 this year, nearly 5 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year, with one in five bites resulting in injuries that require medical attention.

While most of our customers now have smart meters that don't need to be checked every month, we still make house calls to perform other services, such as appliance safety checkups. As a dog owner, you can prevent bite injuries during service calls by securely confining your pet behind a locked fence or door. Please also be sure to notify us at **1-800-411-7343** if you add a dog to your household so we can update our records.



Get cash back for energy upgrades

Planning home improvements or thinking about buying new appliances? Purchase and install a qualifying product before Dec. 31, 2012, and take advantage of the rebates we offer, while funds last. For more information and to apply online, visit sdge.com/rebates.

PRODUCT	REBATE
Home Improvement	
Eligible attic or wall insulation	\$0.15/square foot
Electric storage water heater, with Energy Factor (EF) of 0.93 or greater	\$30/unit
Natural gas storage water heater <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With Energy Factor (EF) of 0.62 or greater• With Energy Factor (EF) of 0.67 or greater	\$30/unit \$75/unit
ENERGY STAR®-qualified central natural gas furnace with 92% Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE)	\$200/unit
Appliance	
ENERGY STAR-qualified room air conditioner	\$50/unit
ENERGY STAR-qualified clothes washer	\$35/unit
Pool	
Variable-speed pool pump and motor (see application for exclusions)	\$200/unit

NOTE: Energy-efficiency programs are funded by California utility customers and administered by SDG&E under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

Your smartphone: An easy way to pay

Your smartphone offers a fast, easy way to pay your bill and manage your account online. Just enroll in My Account at sdge.com/myaccount, if you haven't already done so, and sign up for this free service. We'll email you when your bill is ready to be viewed and the My Account Mobile login page will appear automatically. ■

