# Customer Connection

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# It's Time to Get Ready for Summer

#### During the summer, temperatures get higher – and so does energy usage. SCE offers a variety of low-cost and no-cost solutions to help you get ready to reduce your energy usage and take control of summer electricity bills.

Start with Our FREE Home Energy Advisor SCE's Home Energy Advisor is a FREE, easy way to get a personalized savings program. Just answer some questions about your energy use and you'll receive an analysis with customized recommendations on how and where to save throughout your home.

#### Discover Home Energy Efficiency Rebates, Appliance Recycling Incentive

Recycling your old, inefficient working refrigerator or freezer is an environmentally-conscious way to save energy, lower your electric bill, and help the environment – and you'll receive a \$35 incentive!

In addition, take advantage of SCE Rebates such as:

- Refrigerators \$35 \$75
- Pool Pump and Motor \$200
- Evaporative Coolers -\$300
- Whole House Fans \$50

#### Tips and Educational Information

Our Home Energy Guide is an online source of information and tools designed to make purchasing decisions easier. It features eight household areas where you can make improvements and save, representing the major steps toward increased energy efficiency.

Here are some additional power-saving tips to follow during the summer:

- Draw the drapes to keep sunlight out
- Keep the thermostat set at 78 degrees or above
- Shut vents and doors to unoccupied areas, to direct cool air to rooms you're using
- Opt for the microwave or barbecue instead of the stove

Get ready for summer today. Take advantage of the helpful options that best suit your energy and cost-saving needs. To learn more, visit www.sce.com/residential.

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# Health and Safety Tips for Temperature-Sensitive Customers

Extreme hot weather may be harmful to people who are in poor health or those who are sensitive to high temperatures. Here are steps you can take to avoid heat-related illness this summer, should you be without air conditioning:

#### To help you stay cool in hot weather:

- + Take a cool shower or bath.
- Wear lightweight, loose, light-colored clothing and a head covering.
- Stay out of direct sunlight and limit outdoor activity to covered or shaded areas.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Visit a movie theatre, an air-conditioned mall, a library or a community center.
- Visit friends or family whose homes are air-conditioned and are located in areas not affected by severe weather or rotating outages.

#### What to Do During Rotating Outages?

A rotating outage is a temporary electricity outage, designed to last no more than one hour, to help protect the integrity of the overall electric system. You can prepare for rotating outages by planning ahead. Your rotating outage group number is located at the top of your bill. Customers in rotating outage group N001 (or "Exempt") are normally not subject to rotating outages.

#### **Cooling Stations**

Customers who are temperature-sensitive may find it more comfortable to visit one of our "Cooling Stations" if rotating outages impact their residences. Cooling Stations are air-conditioned facilities providing temporary relief from the extreme heat. These facilities are normally exempt from rotating outages and are open to the public.

For a list of Cooling Stations, visit <u>www.sce.com/planahead</u> and click on Volunteer Cooling Station Locations. Or, call **1-800-655-4555** to obtain a list of Cooling Stations in your area.

#### **Cool Centers**

SCE also has facilities called "Cool Centers" designed to provide residential customers with safe, air-conditioned locations to visit so that they can save energy and money by not running their own cooling systems at home. These centers may be especially helpful for residential customers who are income-qualified, seniors or those with special needs. Cool Centers are open from June 1 through October 15. To find a center near you, visit **www.sce.com/coolcenters**.

#### Advance Notification of a Rotating Outage

When possible, SCE will provide advance notice of a rotating outage via an automated telephone message to residential customers, or to someone in a customer's household who files an application certifying that his or her health is at risk when he or she is exposed to extreme temperatures.

Note: If you already participate in SCE's Medical Baseline program, you are automatically enrolled, so you do not need to complete this application form. Medical Baseline program participants receive advance notification, whenever possible, of rotating power outages that may affect them.

To sign up for advance notification, visit <u>www.sce.com/planahead</u> and click on Extreme Temperature Sensitivity notification service to download the application. Or, call **1-800-655-4555** to request one. The return address is shown on the application.

Upon receipt of your application, SCE will place your name on a calling list to receive advance notice, whenever practical, if a rotating outage is anticipated in your area. This service will be provided to you at no cost.

### Edison International Announces 2011 Employee Giving Results

In March, Edison International announced the 2011 results of employee contribution efforts to give back to their communities. Through Employee Giving Programs, more than \$4.2 million was pledged and raised for schools and nonprofit organizations.

"Giving back to the community is a long-standing tradition for Edison International," said Yvette Gonzalez, Community Investment project analyst. "It's great to see our employees come together to help those in need."

In addition to monetary donations, employees and retirees logged a total of 252,244 volunteer hours, valued at more than \$5.3 million, benefitting nonprofit agencies in the areas of education, health and human services, and the environment.

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SCE has reduced- price, energy-efficient CFLs available at retail locations throughout SCE territory, and for a limited time, you can also purchase them from participating online retailers.

Energy-efficient ENERGY STAR® qualified CFLs last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs, and use up to 75 percent less electricity. That means you will need to change bulbs less frequently.

For each 100W incandescent bulb you replace with an energy-efficient CFL, you can save up to \$67 over the lifetime of the bulb.

CFLs now come in a variety of shapes, sizes and styles (including dimmable, 3-way, globe, reflector and more). Visit <u>www.sce.com/lighting</u> to learn more about our energy-efficient lighting programs and proper disposal of CFLs. You may also visit <u>www.sce.com/CFLsOnline</u> for information on how to purchase discounted CFLs online. This program is funded by California utility ratepayers and administered by SCE under the auspices of the California Public Utility Commission.



# Get Green for Going Green

Going solar helps protect the environment, lowers your electricity bill and can earn you a California Solar Initiative (CSI) rebate for installing eligible solar electric and/or solar thermal water heating systems for your home.

To find out whether using the sun's energy to power your home is the right option for you, come to our free Solar Connection Events where you can meet with CSI-eligible contractors at one time and in one place. At these events you will learn about the available CSI rebates and how to go solar during a short presentation. After each presentation, we have a brief Q&A session. Aterward, you may meet with eligible contractors to assess your home's potential for "going solar."

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. To find a Solar Connection Event near you, call **1-866-970-9221**, or visit us online at <u>www.sce.com/solartraining</u>. Each event is approximately two hours long.

To learn more about the CSI Thermal Program for solar water heating systems, visit <u>www.sce.com/swh</u>.