



**SMUD**

SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
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# CONNECTIONS

Customer Services: 1-888-742-SMUD (7683) ■ Hours: M-F 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. ■ Best times to call: 7-8 a.m. and 6-7 p.m.

## Trade in, 'Mow Down' and help to clean the air

Residential customers wanting to exchange their gasoline-powered lawnmowers for a substantial discount on a cleaner electric mower should sign up for the "Mow Down Air Pollution" event.

The popular lawnmower exchange will take place Saturday, March 27.

Customers must register on a first-come, first-serve basis at [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org) beginning at 8 a.m. March 10. Customers without Internet access can call **916-731-5464**, also beginning at 8 a.m. March 10.

The price for the new lawnmowers will be \$225 plus tax. The regular retail price of the rechargeable mulching mower is \$449 plus tax.



Registration will continue until all mowers are taken. The event typically "sells out" quickly.

See [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org) or call **916-732-6227** beginning Feb. 15 for details about the place and time of the exchange.

Pre-registration will reserve a mower in your name. Bring your registration confirmation and arrive at the

suggested time -- no need to arrive early. Old mowers need to be drained of gas and oil.

The eighth-annual event is sponsored by SMUD, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District and the City and County of Sacramento.

## Free trees: Get a jump on summer

Shade trees can reduce your home's cooling costs by 40 percent. That's why SMUD, in collaboration with the Sacramento Tree Foundation, has planted more than 330,000 shade trees in the Sacramento area since 1990.

SMUD teams with the Tree Foundation to provide healthy trees from 4 to 7 feet tall, along with stakes, ties, fertilizer and tree delivery -- all at no cost to you. We also provide expert advice on care and planting techniques.

To get your free SMUD shade trees:

■ View a tree-planting video online at [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org). You can also request a free VHS or DVD copy of the

video online or by calling **1-888-742-SMUD (7683)**.

■ Make an appointment for a community forester to come to your home to help you site the trees. You can do this at [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org) or by calling the Sacramento Tree Foundation at **916-924-TREE (8733)**.

Your free shade trees, stakes, ties and fertilizer will be delivered to your door, usually within 10 days of the site visit from the community forester.

For more information on getting your free shade trees as well as on planting tips and advice on caring for your trees after they're planted, please visit [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org). ■

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A note to our customers

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The state of California increased its electrical surcharge from two-hundredths of a cent to three-hundredths of a cent on each kilowatt-hour, effective Jan. 1, 2004.

This is not a SMUD rate increase. Every California utility is required to collect this surcharge and forward the funds to the state, which uses the money to fund California Energy Commission programs.

For the average SMUD customer using 750 kilowatt-hours per month, the increase on the state surcharge part of the bill will be eight cents.

SMUD's electric rates remain among the lowest in the state. ■

# Sign up for Greenergy, have a ball on the Kings

SMUD and the Sacramento Kings are teaming up to promote earth-friendly energy created from green resources such as solar, wind and landfill gas. And for a limited time, each new customer to enroll in SMUD's Greenergy<sup>SM</sup> for six months or more will receive a free Kings "Making a World of Difference" basketball.

SMUD's Greenergy program gives customers the option to choose energy created by renewable resources. When customers add either \$3 or \$6 a month to their monthly electric bills, SMUD purchases 50 percent or 100 percent of their electric needs in renewable energy for use on the SMUD power grid.

In addition, SMUD commits to match 40 percent of Greenergy premiums with construction of new green power plants, such as the solar-covered parking spaces at Arden Fair Mall. These generate power directly from the sun – clean power made possible by Greenergy customers.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, joining SMUD's Greenergy program for 12 months at the 100 percent level has about the same environmental impact as planting an acre of trees, or not driving your car for eight months.

Customers can enroll in Greenergy online at [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org), or by calling 1-888-742-SMUD (7683). ■

## Save energy, save money

SMUD offers rebates and/or financing for high-efficiency ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> clothes washers, room air conditioners, central air conditioners, heat pumps and windows. Products with the ENERGY STAR label are designed to increase your home's comfort and energy efficiency.

For more information on SMUD rebates and financing, visit [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org) or call 1-888-742-SMUD (7683). ■

## Go fish - and win!

SMUD's Spring Trout Derby will be held March 13-14 at Rancho Seco Lake from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The lake will be stocked with approximately 2,000 pounds of trout. Cash awards will be awarded in two divisions: children under the age of 16 and adults.

For more information about derby rules, directions to Rancho Seco Recreation Area and campground reservations, please visit [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org). ■

## SMUD POWER CONTENT LABEL

ENERGY RESOURCES	SMUD 2002 POWER MIX	2001 CA POWER MIX* (for comparison)
<b>Eligible Renewables</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>12%</b>
- Biomass & waste	4%	3%
- Geothermal	2%	5%
- Small Hydroelectric	2%	3%
- Solar	<1%	<1%
- Wind	2%	1%
<b>Coal</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Large Hydroelectric</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Natural Gas</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Nuclear</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy Commission based on the electricity sold to California consumers during the previous year. (Total exceeds 100 percent due to rounding up of numbers.)

For specific information about this electricity product, contact SMUD. For general information about the Power Content Label, contact the California Energy Commission at 1-800-555-7794 or [www.energy.ca.gov/consumer](http://www.energy.ca.gov/consumer).

ENERGY RESOURCES	SMUD NORMAL** HYDRO YEAR POWER MIX
<b>Eligible Renewables</b>	<b>10%</b>
- Biomass & waste	4%
- Geothermal	2%
- Small Hydroelectric	2%
- Solar	<1%
- Wind	1%
<b>Coal</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Large Hydroelectric</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Natural Gas</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Nuclear</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*\* Percentages are based on average hydro conditions for the past 20 years. (Total exceeds 100 percent due to rounding up of numbers.)

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Meetings: Held on every first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. and every third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the SMUD HQ Auditorium, 6201 S. St., Sacramento. NOTE: Meeting times and locations are subject to change.

For the latest information and agenda, visit [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org) or call the Board Office at (916) 732-6155.