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MAKE YOUR HOME WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER

South Bay – South Bay Cities Council of Governments through its Environmental Services Center is providing information to make your home run smarter, not harder. Having a smart home is about getting the most out of your home. Energy Upgrade California® can help you and your home work together to get smart on energy savings.

For South Bay SCE customers, getting smart about energy is not just about how you use energy, but also when. SCE offers “Save Power Days” that rewards you for saving energy during peak times. By reducing electricity use on scheduled Save Power Days, you can earn up to \$100 in bill credits. Enroll to receive text, phone, or email alerts the day before an event so you can prepare to reduce your energy usage:

<https://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/residential/rebates-savings/save-power-day/>

Making simple changes to the way you use energy within your home can automatically make it run “smarter”. For example: switching lights off when you leave a room, fully loading the dishwasher before you run it, or unplugging appliances and gaming consoles when they are not in use are all easy habits that make a big impact on your home’s energy savings.

If you want to make your home more efficient, but don’t know where to start? Energy Upgrade California’s MyEnergyUpgrade tool (<http://myenergy.energyupgradeca.org/>) offers a one-stop-shop for homeowners and small businesses to find easy ways to save energy. Just register for the tool, answer a

few simple questions about your home, and it will provide a custom plan detailing specific ways to make your home smarter.

Don't forget to unplug all the "phantom" energy users around the house. You can discover them by turning off the lights and looking for all those little red lights that mean you are using energy even if an appliance or charger is not being used.

Any further questions, please don't hesitate to call South Bay Environmental Services Center 310-371-7222 or visit our website www.sbesc.com .

SBCCOG

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is a joint powers authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity throughout the South Bay and surrounding communities. Members are Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills_Estates, Torrance, and the Harbor City/San Pedro/Wilmington communities of the City of Los Angeles, along with the County of Los Angeles District 2 and 4. The SBCCOG values what makes its cities unique and independent, and realizes there are times when collective endeavors get better results. This vision of what it can do for its communities drives SBCCOG efforts and motivates its members. It can best be described three ways: Partnership, Persuasion and Performance. Since its inception in 1994 the SBCCOG has been successful in achieving goals toward that end. Visit us at www.southbaycities.org.

SBESC

The South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) is the South Bay's resource center for residents, businesses and municipalities to access information and best practices related to energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling and transportation alternatives and the environment. SBESC staff is working with the South Bay cities to develop Climate Action Plans that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions through local actions. Materials and tools are provided to assist in better understanding the potential for energy efficiency and water savings within homes and businesses that may very well reduce costs. A wide variety of educational seminars and practical training sessions are hosted by SBESC. In addition, staff and volunteers participate year-round in community events to assist consumers in making informed decisions about their personal use of natural resources. The SBESC is a major program of the SBCCOG which partners with The Gas CompanySM, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Torrance Water Department, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Visit www.sbesc.com for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay.

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