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Heat Preparedness Safety Tips

Triple digit temperatures are not uncommon during the summer months in Southern California. As temperatures rise, so does the danger for heat stroke, which is especially hazardous for the elderly and small children. At Southern California Edison, we care about your safety and offer these suggestions to stay cool and healthy on hot summer days:

- Drink plenty of water
- Dress in lightweight, light colored clothing
- Avoid strenuous activities
- Set your air conditioner to a comfortable temperature
- If you don't have an air conditioner, spend time in a shopping mall or public building that is air conditioned

For more information, please visit www.sce.com and click on "Safety."

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SCE Provides Assistance to Income-Qualified Customers

Income-qualified SCE customers can receive a discount of 20% or more on their electric bill by enrolling in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program. CARE is a statewide program funded by California utility customers. The Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) program offers a discount to qualified households of three or more permanent residents who exceed their baseline electricity usage by 30% or more. To qualify for either CARE or FERA, customers must meet the income guidelines below:

CARE/FERA Program

Maximum Household Income
Effective as of June 1, 2005

| Number of Persons in Household | Total Combined Annual Income | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | CARE | FERA |
| 1-2 | up to \$24,200 | Not eligible |
| 3 | up to \$28,400 | \$28,401 - \$40,600 |
| 4 | up to \$34,200 | \$34,201 - \$49,000 |
| 5 | up to \$40,000 | \$40,001 - \$57,400 |
| 6 | up to \$45,800 | \$45,801 - \$65,800 |
| Each Additional Person | \$5,800 | \$5,801 - \$8,400 |

A CARE/FERA application is included in your June electric bill. For more information, or to request an application, please call (800) 798-5723 or visit www.sce.com/CARE.

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Electricity and Water Don't Mix!

There's nothing more refreshing than a dip in your swimming pool on hot summer days. But remember that electricity and water are a dangerous combination. Be careful and play it safe this summer by following these important safety tips:

- Make sure the power supply circuit for pool equipment, like underwater lights, deck lights, and circulating pump motor, includes a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). If there's an electrical short, a GFCI will sense it and disconnect the power supply instantly.
- Always use fiberglass-handled pool cleaning equipment instead of metal. Contacting metal with an overhead power line will cause serious injury or death. Remember to "Look Up and Live!" when cleaning your pool to make sure you are nowhere near a power line.
- Never use extension cords near your pool or spa. If they get wet, electrocution may occur.



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Energy Conservation Tips for Hot Weather

Hot weather can mean higher electric bills due to increased air conditioning use at home or work. Keep cool and healthy this summer by following these easy energy conservation tips:

Sign up for SCE's Summer Discount Plan and save up to \$200 during the summer months. For more information, visit www.sce.com/sdp.

Set your thermostat to 78 degrees and turn off your air conditioner when leaving for the day.

Use electric fans where possible since they use less electricity than air conditioners.

Close drapes and blinds to keep out direct sunlight during hot weather.

For more information on how to conserve energy this summer, please visit www.sce.com and click on "Rebates & Savings".



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