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Save Energy, Save Money While You're On Vacation

Before you leave for that well-deserved vacation, make sure to take steps to save on your electric bill while you're out of town. Remember to set the thermostat on your water heater to a cooler setting, turn off your air conditioner, and adjust the temperature on your refrigerator to a warmer setting. For security, use a timer for one light to come on in the evening, but remember to turn off all of your other lights. You may also want to consider unplugging a few electrical appliances that consume power while not in use, or when they are in "standby" mode. These include computers, televisions with remote controls, VCRs, digital clocks, and microwave ovens. These appliances use small amounts of electricity, but combined, add up while you're away. For more ways to save, please visit www.sce.com and click on "Rebates & Savings."



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CARE Available to Income-Qualified Customers

Income-qualified SCE customers can get a discount of 20% or more off their electric bill by applying for SCE's California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program. CARE is a statewide program funded by California utility customers. If you do not qualify for CARE, households of three or more permanent residents may qualify for the Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) program. FERA provides a discount for households that exceed their baseline electricity usage by over 30%. A CARE/FERA application with income guidelines is included in this month's electric bill. For more information, please call (800) 447-6620 or visit www.sce.com/CARE.



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Have Fun in the Sun But Play It Safe

Summertime brings family fun and sunny days around your swimming pool. But remember that electricity and water don't mix. Play it safe by following these important tips:

- Remember to “Look Up and Live!” when cleaning your pool to make sure that power lines are not above you. Always use fiberglass-handled pool cleaning equipment instead of metal, since contacting an electric power line with metal will cause serious injury or death.
- Never use extension cords near your pool or spa. If they become wet, electrocution may occur.
- Make sure the power supply circuit for underwater and deck lights and the circulating pump motor include a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). If there's an electrical short, the GFCI will disconnect the power supply instantly.

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



SCE's Mountainview Generating Station Dedicated

As the first new major LA Basin power plant built in 30 years, SCE's 1,054 megawatt Mountainview Generating Station, located in the fast-growing Inland Empire, was dedicated in April. The plant burns natural gas and uses low-emission, combined-cycle units. The savings – more power from less fuel – help lower power production costs and benefit SCE customers. The plant, completed early and on budget, will supply enough electricity to power about 685,000 homes.



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