



Sustainable Transportation



There are numerous transportation options available to you that can help you reduce your commute travel time and costs, while reducing congestion on South Bay roadways. **Some resources to help you get started...**

RIDESHARING & BICYCLING - Find a fellow employee for carpooling, access vanpool incentives, and plan your bicycle route.

PUBLIC TRANSIT - Access a map of the region's vast network of trolley and bus lines.

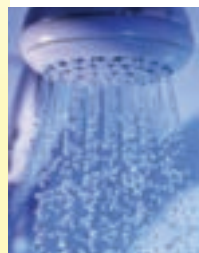
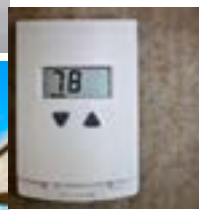
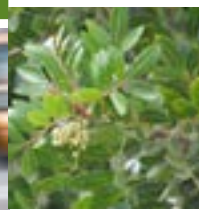
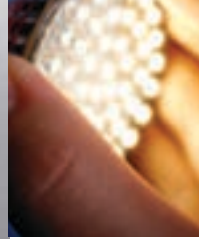
For more information, visit www.icommutesd.org or call 5-1-1 and say "iCommute."



ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES - Locate fueling stations for electric, CNG, and biodiesel vehicles at www.afdc.energy.gov.



Want to learn more?
Use the Drive Clean buying guide to compare the MPG and emission ratings of traditional and alternative fuel vehicles.



Low and no-cost Tips to Save Energy



Replace traditional bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) or Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).

Turn off or set timers for lights. Install occupancy sensors to turn off lights when no one is around.

Minimize "energy vampires" by turning off power strips or unplugging devices. Check out a Kill-A-Watt® from your local library branch to find out how much energy your devices are using.

Turn off computer equipment at the power source.

Plant shade trees around your house.

Set your heater to 68 °F during the day and 55 °F at night.

Set your air conditioner to 78 °F or higher during the day and off during the night.

Set your water heater temperature to 120 °F (140 °F with a dishwasher).

Examine your refrigerator door gaskets for cracks or leaks; no cold air should be escaping.

Wash/rinse clothes in cold water.

Only purchase highest-rated ENERGY STAR® appliances and equipment.

Take shorter showers! Five-minute showers save energy and water.



Cities are participating in the **South Bay Energy Action Collaborative**, a project funded by California utility ratepayers and administered by SDG&E® under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

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Working together to help South Bay residents and businesses save energy, reduce utility bills, and become more **green**.



South Bay leads the Way...

Energy Efficiency & Sustainability





Want to learn more?

Borrow "green"-themed books and energy-saving tools from your City's library or visit the SDG&E® Energy Innovation Center to see hands-on energy efficiency displays!

www.sdge.com/eic



Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency is typically one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to reduce monthly utility bills and improve the comfort and health of your home or business. **Programs to help you start saving energy...**

GREEN BUTTON - Better understand and track how you use energy and link your data to various third-party applications from your "smart" phone.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES - Rebates are available to purchase new energy-efficient appliances and equipment.

ENERGY UPGRADE CALIFORNIA™ - Homeowners can access greater rebate amounts when they implement multiple upgrades at the same time.

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - Income qualified households can receive lower electricity rates and free home energy-efficiency improvements such as lighting, appliances, and home weatherization. Call 2-1-1 to see if you qualify.

SMALL BUSINESS DIRECT INSTALL - Local businesses may be eligible to receive energy upgrades at no cost such as fluorescent lighting, occupancy sensors, LED Open Signs, and HVAC maintenance.

See back of this brochure for No or Low-Cost Energy Saving Tips!
For more information, visit www.sdge.com or call 1-800-644-6133.

Solar & Renewable Energy

Once you have made your home or business energy efficient, you may want to consider installing solar photovoltaic panels or another type of renewable energy system, which helps contribute to healthier air quality in the South Bay. **Resources to help you get started...**

GO SOLAR CALIFORNIA - Find a solar contractor & access rebates at www.gosolarcalifornia.com

SINGLE-FAMILY AFFORDABLE SOLAR HOMES - Income qualified households may be eligible to receive free solar photovoltaic systems.

OTHER SELF-GENERATION INCENTIVES - Additional incentives for wind turbines and other emerging technologies are also available.

For more information, visit www.energycenter.org or call 858-244-1177.



Water Efficiency

In addition to being a limited resource, the pumping, treatment, and heating of water consumes a great deal of energy.

Local water districts offer rebates to help you save water (and energy)...

INDOOR WATER USE - Rebates may be available to purchase water-saving toilets and clothes washers.

OUTDOOR WATER USE - Rebates may be available to install drought-tolerant plants and more efficient irrigation systems.

For more information: Chula Vista and National City residents can visit www.socalwatersmart.com or call 1-888-376-3314. Imperial Beach and Coronado residents can visit www.californiaamwater.com or call 1-888-237-1333.

Want to learn more?

Visit the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College to see water-efficient landscaping designs and irrigation systems!



www.thegarden.org

Get started!
Learn new ways to save energy & money!

