

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 .