



**California continues to fight climate change!**  
Electric bill credit in August and September helps provide bill relief in the hotter months and an opportunity to take advantage of energy and money-saving upgrades that can help fight climate change.

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## Reduce the risk of wildfire by creating zones for the plants and trees around your home.

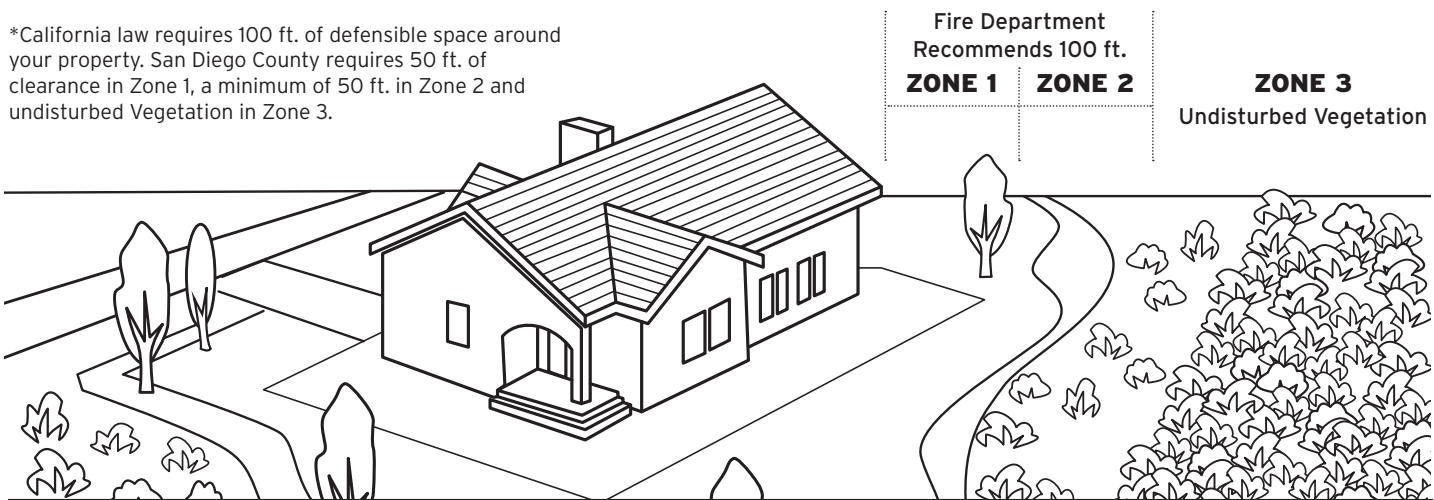
Minimize your home's exposure to risk by modifying the vegetation space around it to resist a wildfire.

**ZONE 1:** Minimum of 30-50 ft.\* from your home. The area nearest your home should be well-spaced and contain low-growing, fire-resistant plants.

**ZONE 2:** Extends 100 ft. from your home. We recommend low-growing ground covers that can withstand fire and are low in fuel volume.

**ZONE 3:** Beyond 100 ft. of your home. Check with environmental regulatory agencies before changing the native trees and plants that may be protected.

\*California law requires 100 ft. of defensible space around your property. San Diego County requires 50 ft. of clearance in Zone 1, a minimum of 50 ft. in Zone 2 and undisturbed Vegetation in Zone 3.



## Stay safe. Take action.

Think smart. Don't leave your safety to chance. Take steps to prepare for any emergency now.



### Develop an emergency plan

Identify a place to meet with family, safe routes and shelters, as well as what actions you will take. Discuss and practice the plan with your family, including your children.



### Prepare an emergency kit

Keep the essentials on hand. Make sure your kit is stocked with items you and your family need, including for your pets, seniors and those with a disability. Store them in easy-to-carry containers such as backpacks or plastic crates. Visit [sdge.com/checklists](https://www.sdge.com/checklists) to learn more.



### Help your neighbors

Being a good neighbor takes more than sharing the occasional cup of sugar or hosting a potluck. It's important to help our neighbors during emergencies, especially those who are vulnerable, elderly or disabled.



### Update your contact information

Whatever the circumstances, we'll make every effort to communicate with you.

Go to [sdge.com/MyAccount](https://www.sdge.com/MyAccount). Once signed in, from the My Account homepage, click on your profile name in the top right-hand corner, then select **"My Profile."**



### Sign up for outage notifications

Get notified when there is an outage in your area. Go to [sdge.com/MyAccount](https://www.sdge.com/MyAccount). Once signed in, from the My Account homepage, click on your profile name in the top right-hand corner, then select **"Notification Settings."**

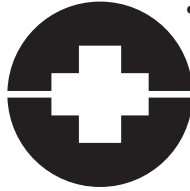


**Flex Alert:** Keep up to date on California's daily energy outlook and statewide Flex Alerts at [sdge.com/flex-alert](https://sdge.com/flex-alert).

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## Medical needs? Get this prescription for savings

Certain medical needs may qualify you or someone in your home for savings every month on your gas and electric bill. Apply for the **Medical Baseline Allowance** program if you need to use more energy due to a qualifying medical condition or to prevent an existing condition from getting worse. Examples include:



- **A requirement for permanent space heating or cooling** due to paraplegia, quadriplegia, hemiplegia, multiple sclerosis, scleroderma, a compromised immune system or a life-threatening illness.

- **Required use of a life-support device**, such as an aerosol tent, apnea monitor, kidney dialysis machine, motorized wheelchair or respirator (devices used for therapy don't qualify; only medical devices that sustain life or are needed for mobility).

**To get a Medical Baseline Allowance application** and more information, visit [sdge.com/medical](https://sdge.com/medical). Eligibility requirements include having a physician sign your application to certify the medical need.

## ¿Hay necesidades médicas? Obtenga esta receta para ahorrar

Ciertas necesidades médicas pueden hacer que usted o alguien que vive en su casa cumpla con los requisitos para ahorrar cada mes en su factura de gas y electricidad. Solicite el programa de **Asignación Médica Inicial** si necesita consumir más energía debido a una enfermedad que cumpla con las condiciones o para evitar que una condición existente empeore. Por ejemplo:

- **Requerir calefacción o aire acondicionado ambiental permanente** debido a paraplejía, tetraplejía, hemiplejía, esclerosis múltiple, esclerodermia, un sistema inmunitario afectado o una enfermedad potencialmente mortal.
- **Requerir el uso de un dispositivo de soporte vital**, como una tienda de nebulización, monitor de apnea, máquina para diálisis del riñón, silla de ruedas motorizada o respirador (los dispositivos usados para terapia no cumplen con los requisitos; únicamente dispositivos médicos que sustenten la vida o se necesiten para movilidad).

**Para obtener un formulario de solicitud para el programa de Asignación Médica Inicial** y más información, visite [sdge.com/programa-medico](https://sdge.com/programa-medico). Los requisitos para tener derecho a participar incluyen el que un médico firme su solicitud para certificar la necesidad médica.

## Clip to contribute to the Renewable Energy Program

You can make voluntary contributions to a state trust fund aimed at growing California's renewable resources. Here's one way to donate the next time you pay your SDG&E bill:

1. Write a check made payable to "**Renewable Resource Trust Fund.**"
2. Clip out this article.
3. Put your donation and this article in the same envelope you use to mail your SDG&E bill payment.

We'll forward your donation to the California Energy Commission, which administers the fund. Donations support the Commission's Renewable Energy Program for producing more electricity from sustainable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal and biomass energy. Contributions are **not** tax deductible.

For more information, visit [energy.ca.gov/renewables/history](https://energy.ca.gov/renewables/history) or contact the Renewable Energy Call Center at **1-844-454-2906** or by email at [renewable@energy.ca.gov](mailto:renewable@energy.ca.gov).



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Nuestras publicaciones no solo son en inglés, también publicamos en español para mantenerlo informado sobre las últimas actividades. Obtenga más información sobre lo que estamos haciendo en la comunidad, los eventos y cómo estamos ayudando a mantener a California en un buen estado ecológico. Además, es una excelente manera de mantenerse al día con respecto a cualquier interrupción o emergencia.

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