



About the San Diego Regional Green Business Network

The San Diego Regional Green Business Network (SDRGBN) is an association of local businesses looking to be more sustainable in their business practices.

SDRGBN offers a variety of resources to help businesses go green:

- Member-only educational workshops and networking events
- Bimonthly newsletter
- Calendar featuring sustainability events and trainings
- Benchmarking Coach to help learn how to track building energy, water and waste consumption using ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager® (visit GreenBizSD.org/benchmarking)
- Annual recognition event for member sustainability efforts
- Links to resources and programs to support sustainability goals (visit GreenBizSD.org/resource)

All these resources are provided at no-cost to members. Simply visit greenbizsd.org/join to register your organization as a member!

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BUSINESS ENERGY USE

San Diego Gas & Electric® (SDG&E) offers solutions to help your business reduce its monthly energy bill.

My Energy Tool – Review your energy use, analyze your bill and receive a forecasted bill. Visit sdge.com/myaccount.

Energy Use Alerts – Email and text messages give you information about your account, billing, energy use and more – even while on the go. Visit sdge.com/alerts.

Rebates and Savings: To learn more about ways your business can save energy and money, visit sdge.com/business or call (800) 336-7343.

Interested in learning more about energy savings? Attend an upcoming seminar at SDG&E's double LEED® platinum Energy Innovation Center. Visit seminars.sdge.com.

Questions about how to track your energy and implement the changes shown here? Email us at info@greenbizsd.org for assistance.



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Go Green. Save Green.

Resources for Local Businesses
to Save Energy and Money



Need More Detailed Energy Savings Guidance?

Professional energy audits are a great way to unlock even deeper energy savings by providing comprehensive information on how your specific building or tenant space can operate more efficiently. To learn more, visit sdge.com/bes.



Guide to Saving Energy and Money

Did you know that according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, **the average commercial building wastes 30% of its energy?**

Use the following measures to unlock hidden energy savings for your business, whether you own or lease your space.

- 1 Track energy consumption** - The average monthly commercial electric bill in California is around \$900/month. Learn how to cut energy waste and save on utility bills with ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager® by tracking and benchmarking energy consumption.
- 2 Strategically plan energy use** - Shift energy use to off-peak hours before 4 p.m. or after 9 p.m. to lower your electricity bill and make better use of cleaner renewable energy when it's more available.
- 3 Upgrade lighting to LEDs** - LEDs use up to 75% less energy than incandescent or halogen bulbs, creating immediate savings once installed. SDG&E offers instant lighting rebates at participating distributors.

Advanced Energy Efficiency Upgrades

- 4 Program your thermostat** - Smart thermostats are a great way to save energy. If you enroll in SDG&E's Smart Thermostat program, you can save money when SDG&E remotely adjusts your thermostat a few degrees during a Reduce Your Use, Critical Peak Pricing, or AC Saver Day Ahead Day.
- 5 Unplug and upgrade** - Plug and process loads typically constitute 30-50% of a building's total energy use. Simple actions to save include using ENERGY STAR certified products, enabling energy saving settings and choosing more energy-efficient equipment when upgrading.
- 6 Maintain your HVAC system** - Heating, ventilation and air conditioning accounts for up to 45% of a building's energy use. Making sure your HVAC equipment is energy efficient and properly maintained reduces your HVAC costs.

- 7 Invest in renewable energy and storage** - Combining on-site energy generation, such as solar photovoltaics, with energy storage maximizes savings. Solar powers your business during the day and storage units discharge energy during on-peak hours or when demand is high, helping reduce your energy bill. This also provides greater flexibility in demand response and can supply emergency backup power.
- 8 Electrify your fleet** - Transitioning your company fleet to hybrid or electric vehicles (EVs) helps reduce overall fuel and maintenance costs. With over 40 different EV models and rebates available for fleets of all sizes, driving electric has never been easier.

Find more business resources and opportunities to save by visiting greenbizsd.org/resource.

