



# California Climate Credit

The California Climate Credit is part of California's efforts to fight climate change. It is a credit that eligible households and small businesses will see automatically on their electricity bills starting in April 2014. The credit is from a state government program that requires power plants and other large industries to pay for permits when they put carbon pollution in the air. Some of that money is used by the state to fight climate change, and some goes to households and small businesses to assist them with the carbon pollution costs in electricity that come from non-renewable resources, like coal and natural gas. Customers of PG&E, SDG&E, SCE, Pacific Power, and Liberty Utilities, electric service providers or community choice aggregation providers Marin Clean Energy and Sonoma Clean Power, are all eligible to receive the climate credit. For more information go to:

**[www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/ClimateCredit](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/ClimateCredit)**.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHY AM I RECEIVING A CALIFORNIA CLIMATE CREDIT?

The California Public Utilities Commission created the Climate Credit to assist households and small businesses to adapt to a cleaner-energy economy. The Climate Credit helps California families and businesses with the increased cost of goods and services produced with polluting energy like coal and gas, and it helps them to invest in cleaner, energy-saving choices.

### WHERE WILL I FIND THE CREDIT ON MY BILL?

Look under delivery charges to see the credit amount.  
Credits will only appear on residential bills in April and October of each year.

### DOES THE CREDIT AMOUNT VARY BY ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS?

Yes. However, the California Climate Credit is distributed equally to each electricity provider's residential customers in April and October of each year, regardless of energy consumption or bill amount.

### IS THE CREDIT AMOUNT CONNECTED TO THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY I USE?

No, all residential customers of the same electricity provider will receive an equal amount regardless of the amount of electricity you use. The credit is your share of a payment from the state's largest industrial carbon producers.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT.)

### WHAT IF I'M NOT GETTING A CLIMATE CREDIT?

If you are not getting a credit, you most likely get your electric service from a publicly-owned or municipal utility. Public utilities are each taking their own steps under the Global Warming Solutions Act to assist ratepayers, reduce emissions, and clean our air.

### WHEN IS THE CALIFORNIA CLIMATE CREDIT APPLIED TO ACCOUNTS?

Households will receive a credit in April and October each year, and small businesses will get the credit each month.

### WILL THE SIZE OF MY CLIMATE CREDIT CHANGE OVER TIME?

Yes. The size of the Climate Credit depends on a large number of factors that can change from year to year, but the credit will always be calculated according to rules established by the California Public Utilities Commission.

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## Use It to “Stay Golden”

The Climate Credit is designed to help you join with California in its efforts to fight climate change and clean the air. You can use the savings on your electric bills however you choose, but you can save even more money and help the environment by investing the savings from your Climate Credit in energy-saving home upgrades, including more efficient lights and appliances.

For more information about the California Climate Credit and how you can save energy with your credit, visit:

**[www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/ClimateCredit](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/ClimateCredit)**

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