

# Welcome to the San Diego Energy Resource Center

## Where you can find answers to all of your energy questions and needs

- How can I make my home or business more energy efficient?
- How do I get a rebate for solar and energy-efficient technologies?
- What career opportunities are available in solar energy?
- Who can I talk to about renewable energy?
- How do I improve building energy performance?

## We offer a comprehensive suite of free informational services for the public

- 100+ workshops each year
- Exhibits and displays of energy technologies
- Books, DVDs and diagnostic tools on loan
- One-on-one technical assistance
- Online databases and resources

*"The topics are timely and the instructors' knowledge levels are always excellent."*

- Steven Kaplan, Director of Business Development, MBO, Inc.

*"The workshops gave me information I could trust, coming from environmentally minded people who are not selling the products."*

- Ellen Norton,  
Poway resident and 2007 fire survivor



## California Center for Sustainable Energy Greening Your World®

The California Center for Sustainable Energy is a nonprofit organization that helps people adopt greener practices and save energy and money through rebates, technical assistance and education. The center fosters public policy and programs that facilitate renewable, sustainable and efficient energy technologies and practices. An independent, unbiased voice, CCSE is a trusted resource on energy issues throughout the community and California.

## San Diego Gas & Electric Go Green. Save Green.

San Diego Gas & Electric is a regulated public utility that has supplied safe and reliable natural gas and electric service to the San Diego region since 1881. Offering energy-saving programs and services that help customers "Go Green and Save Green" is just one way SDG&E is committed to helping preserve natural resources and the environment.



### San Diego Energy Resource Center

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# Energy Resource Center

*Hands-on Tools and Energy Information  
You Can Use to Green Your World*



## As green goes mainstream, getting a clean energy strategy is more urgent than ever. . .

You can get the latest information and technical assistance to eliminate your energy waste, lower your energy costs and reduce your carbon footprint at the Energy Resource Center (ERC).

A joint program of the California Center for Sustainable Energy (CCSE) and San Diego Gas & Electric® (SDG&E®) and funded by California ratepayers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission, the ERC helps residents, businesses and anyone who is interested learn ways to improve their use of energy and other natural resources. Our services are for everyone – from first-time homeowners to experienced contractors and engineers. Here is some of what you will find at our Kearny Mesa location and online.

### LEARNING CAN BE FUN

The ERC houses a comprehensive technology center where you learn how energy systems and equipment work and about ways to save energy. Interactive exhibits demonstrate and compare the efficiency of the latest technologies, devices and products. You can measure the performance factors of window glasses, evaluate lighting types and compare solar water heating systems.

*"As a result of ERC workshops, the City of San Diego has implemented many beneficial energy-efficiency upgrade projects."*

-Tom Cartier, Project Officer, City of San Diego



### CONNECT WITH THE EXPERTS

Expert-facilitated workshops and seminars on a broad spectrum of energy topics and issues are presented in the ERC Learning Centers. There's something for everyone from the latest in evaluating home energy use and advanced lighting technologies to the economics of green building and green career opportunities. Whether you are a building manager, electrician or a homeowner looking to save money on your utility bill, our free workshops will keep you up-to-date and well-informed. Check the schedule on our website or sign up to get weekly e-mail notices.

### STUDY ON YOUR OWN

The Energy Resource Library provides books, DVDs and periodicals on topics such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, climate change, green building and transportation. Materials convey a wide range of information and are selected for diverse interests and educational levels from laypersons to educators with a special section just for children and young adults. Materials may be borrowed free of charge for up to 14 days.

### TOOLS YOU CAN USE

The ERC has a unique Tool Library where you can borrow diagnostic tools for residential and commercial use. Tools focus on the performance and efficiency of existing energy systems and include instruments for site analysis. Use of tools varies in complexity and user expertise. Tools may be checked out free of charge for up to 14 days.

### GO ONLINE FOR RESOURCES

You can view the ERC's catalog of library materials and tools and reserve resources with our online checkout. Photographs and descriptions of each item are included, as well as useful links, such as user manuals and software downloads.



CCSE has online databases of commercial resources including listings of contractors, suppliers and vendors to help you identify your options. Other online resources can assist you with energy-efficiency measures, energy self-audits, rebate eligibility, equipment solutions and more.

### SUBSCRIBE TODAY

CCSE's Energy Connection monthly e-newsletter brings sustainability to your inbox, providing the latest in energy news, tips, policies, technologies and upcoming workshops and events. Subscriptions are free and your e-mail address stays with us.



### TALK TO AN EXPERT

Got an energy question? ERC visitors can speak to an energy expert to get free technical assistance. You also can call our toll free number (1-866-SDENERGY) to speak to an expert or schedule a meeting for more in-depth questions and projects.

Visit us online to start saving energy today:  
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