



A Sempra Energy utility

Baseline Allowance Facts

In California, residential rates for distribution of electricity and natural gas have two levels – baseline and non-baseline, as established by the state legislature at the direction of the California Public Utilities Commission in 1983. All utilities in the state must follow this structure, which provides all residential customers with some energy for basic needs at the lowest, or baseline, rates.

The amounts of your baseline allowances for electricity and natural gas are determined by six factors:

- Your rate.
- Your climate zone.
- Number of days in the billing period.
- A percentage of the average energy usage of residential customers located within the same climate zone.
- Type of permanent space heating in the home.
- Time of year (winter or summer).



Baseline allowances change with the season — summer baseline runs from May 1 through Oct. 31, while winter baseline stretches from Nov. 1 through April 30.

Baseline Allowances*

Baseline allowances vary by climate zone. SDG&E's® service area is divided into four climate zones — Coastal, Inland, Mountain and Desert.

Most SDG&E customers live in single-family dwellings in the Coastal and Inland zones. The baseline allowances shown in the tables below are for single-family dwellings.

DAILY ELECTRIC BASELINE ALLOWANCES (IN KILOWATT-HOURS PER DAY)				
BASIC	COASTAL	INLAND	MOUNTAIN	DESERT
SUMMER (May 1 - Oct. 31)	10.2	11.8	15.5	17.3
WINTER (Nov. 1 - April 30)	10.8	11.5	14.6	12.0

* Baseline amounts vary for multiple-family and mobile home customers.

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DAILY ELECTRIC BASELINE ALLOWANCES
(IN KILOWATT-HOURS PER DAY)

ALL ELECTRIC	COASTAL	INLAND	MOUNTAIN	DESERT
SUMMER (May 1 - Oct. 31)	9.8	11.6	18.4	19.5
WINTER (Nov. 1 - April 30)	16.6	19.1	29.5	22.3

DAILY NATURAL GAS BASELINE ALLOWANCES
(IN THERMS PER DAY)

NATURAL GAS	COASTAL	INLAND	MOUNTAIN	DESERT
SUMMER (May 1 - Oct. 31)	0.493	0.493	0.493	0.493
WINTER (Nov. 1 - April 30)	1.546	1.546	1.546	1.546

Tiered Rates and Baseline

Under the current tiered rate system, electric prices rise based on the amount of electricity you use above the 130% baseline allowance. For example, a customer who consumes less than 130% of his baseline allowance pays the least for Electric Energy Charges shown on the bill. The electricity prices rise for usage above the 130% range of baseline, and continues to increase on a per-unit basis as energy use increases.

Allowances for Medical Needs

Additional baseline allowances for electricity and natural gas are available to people with medical conditions that require constant temperature control or the need to operate special equipment. Examples of qualifying medical conditions are multiple sclerosis, scleroderma, paraplegia and other life-threatening illnesses. Examples of qualifying life-support equipment include oxygen machines, aerosol tents, compressors, hemodialysis machines and iron lungs.

To receive a medical baseline allowance application, call **1-800-411-SDGE (7343)** or download the application from our Web site at www.sdge.com. A physician must certify the special needs of the patient.

For More Information

For additional information, or to have a customer service representative calculate your monthly baseline allowance, call SDG&E at **1-800-411-SDGE (7343)**. As part of our commitment to providing safe, reliable energy and exceptional service, our representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you.



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