



Baseline Allowance Facts

In California, residential rates for distribution of electricity and natural gas have two levels – baseline and non-baseline, as administered by the California Public Utilities Commission, and passed into law by the state legislature 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.

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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 monthly baseline allowances shown in the tables are for single-family dwellings.

Tiered Rates and Baseline

Under the current tiered rate system, electricity prices rise based on the amount of electricity used above the 130% baseline allowance. For example, a customer who consumes less than 130% of their baseline allowance pays the least for Electric Energy Charges shown on their 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.

Monthly Electric Baseline Allowances (in kilowatt-hours)				
BASIC <small>includes electricity and natural gas</small>	COASTAL	INLAND	MOUNTAIN	DESERT
SUMMER <small>(May 1 - October 31)</small>	288	336	444	492
WINTER <small>(November 1 - April 30)</small>	303	324	414	336

Monthly Electric Baseline Allowances (in kilowatt-hours)				
ALL ELECTRIC	COASTAL	INLAND	MOUNTAIN	DESERT
SUMMER <small>(May 1 - October 31)</small>	294	330	519	585
WINTER <small>(November 1 - April 30)</small>	498	549	855	660

Monthly Natural Gas Baseline Allowances (in therms)				
NATURAL GAS	COASTAL	INLAND	MOUNTAIN	DESERT
SUMMER <small>(May 1 - October 31)</small>	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8
WINTER <small>(November 1 - April 30)</small>	46.4	46.4	46.4	46.4

*Baseline allowances shown are for single-family dwellings. Baseline figures reflect a 30-day billing period. To calculate a daily baseline allowance, divide number by 30. Baseline amounts vary for multiple-family and mobile home customers.

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 **1-800-411-7343** or download the application at sdge.com/medical. Doctor certification is required.