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# POWER BULLETIN

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## SCE's Free Energy Efficiency Tool Lending Program Now Available Online

With a few clicks of the mouse, you now can borrow energy efficiency tools from Southern California Edison (SCE) for FREE through the Tool Lending Library Program. This program provides California business and residential customers with energy efficiency tools to assist you in better understanding your energy usage and in making more informed energy decisions.

The Tool Lending Library features more than 400 tools—ranging from a power quality logger to a digital light meter—that can help with testing, troubleshooting, analyzing system performances and more. The six tool categories include:

- Energy/power
- Surveying, solar and miscellaneous
- Physical measurements, acceleration/velocity and rotational speed
- Lighting, sound and infrared radiation
- Humidity, temperature and other environmental conditions
- Air, water and gas flow

An online Tool Lending Library catalogue lists all of the available tools, along with the manufacturer, model and a brief description. From there you can fill out the online tool lending request form. The normal tool lending period is two weeks.

### Interactive Displays and Hands-On Workshops

You also can search for available tools through the Tool Lending Library interactive display available at SCE's Energy Education Centers in Irwindale and Tulare, and used at many on-location classes, trade shows and public events. The live-talent interactive display allows you to learn more about the program, view the full Tool Lending Library catalogue and e-mail yourself with program details.

In addition, both of SCE's Energy Education Centers offer free hands-on workshops that highlight use of energy/power, HVAC and solar tools. Check the class schedules and register at [www.sce.com/energycenters](http://www.sce.com/energycenters).

For more details on the Tool Lending Library, and to request a free tool, log onto [www.sce.com/energycenters](http://www.sce.com/energycenters), click on Energy Education Center – Tulare and then on Tool Lending Library. For any additional questions, contact Tool Lending Library Manager Lisa Kinney at 800.772.4822.



The Tool Lending Library interactive display allows SCE customers to search for a wide range of energy efficiency tools available for loan from SCE at no cost.

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Also visit [www.sce.com/energycenters](http://www.sce.com/energycenters) to learn more about how SCE's Energy Education Centers offer a wide array of energy management solutions, helping you save energy, money and the environment through hands-on demonstrations of the latest state-of-the-art technologies, as well as through workshops, classes and interactive displays.

## Get the Latest Rate Updates at Spring Electricity Outlook Meetings

Register today for one of SCE's Spring 2011 Electricity Outlook sessions, where you will learn more about electric utility issues, with a special emphasis on 2011 changes for rates, Demand Response programs and Direct Access. Each session takes place from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., with continental breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. The schedule is:

Date	Event #	Location	Address
April 19	28626	Torrance Doubletree	21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance
April 21	28307	SCE's Energy Education Center - Irwindale (formerly CTAC)	6090 N. Irwindale Ave., Irwindale
April 26	28628	Ventura Crowne Plaza	450 E. Harbor Blvd., Ventura
April 28	28629	San Bernardino Hilton Garden Inn	1755 S. Waterman Ave., San Bernardino
May 3	28630	SCE's Energy Education Center - Tulare (formerly AGTAC)	4175 South Laspina, Tulare
May 5	28631	Santa Ana Embassy Suites	1325 E. Dyer Rd., Santa Ana

You also can choose to join an Electricity Outlook Webinar on April 21, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (event #28627). To register for any of these sessions, call 626.812.7537 or 800.336.2822, extension 42537.

### GOVERNMENT & INSTITUTIONS SEGMENT FOCUS

## Norwalk Employees Walk the Talk in Competition to Save Energy and Money

The City of Norwalk shaved its annual electric bill by more than \$30,000—without any upfront capital investment.

Starting in mid-2009, with the help of SCE, the city launched a "Green Facility Team Challenge," a competition for employees in the city's eight largest municipal facilities to reduce energy consumption over a 12-month period. The city monitored each facility's electricity usage on a monthly basis against a baseline consumption level from the year prior.

### Savings of 205,000 kWh

The facilities saved between 3% and 19% compared to their previous usage, with a total reduction of approximately 205,000 kilowatt-hours. The top three facilities—the Public Safety Substation (19% reduction), the Senior Center (12%) and the Social Services Center (11%)—received recognition from Norwalk's City Council and city manager, as well as from SCE.

"There's a lot you can do looking at your existing measures and systems," said Norwalk Public Services Superintendent Grissel Chavez. "It doesn't cost money but it takes dedicated staff time. You can accomplish measureable results."

Chavez said employees were "very excited" about the competition, and motivated each other to take simple but effective energy-saving steps like shutting down computers when staff members were away from their desks, turning off lights in unoccupied areas and reprogramming thermostats to more efficient setpoints.

To provide an ongoing reminder of the initiative, the city communicated monthly with Norwalk's approximately 400 employees, sharing each facility's progress and highlighting ways to reduce electricity use both at work and at home.

"We provided a consistent message every month and the employees really took that seriously and did their part," Chavez said, noting that the city continues to monitor electricity usage and employees continue to look for energy-saving measures.



City of Norwalk employees receive recognition from SCE for the Public Safety Substation's 19% reduction in electricity use in the city's Green Facility Team Challenge. Front row (left to right): Norwalk's Grissel Chavez, SCE's Sylvia Southerland and Norwalk's Maxine Sears, Gloria Rodriguez and Kathleen Palomares. Back row (left to right): SCE's Larry Sutton and Norwalk's Bill Kearns.

## Green Team Task Force Initiative

Chavez said the competition idea evolved from the Green Team Task Force, comprised of city staff and SCE representatives, including SCE Public Affairs Regional Manager Sylvia Southerland and Account Executive Larry Sutton. In a time of ever-tightening budgets, the team came up with a fun way to make employees more aware of energy usage without needing to invest capital.

The city of 110,000, located in southeastern Los Angeles County, also used a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program to start installation of two cool roofs and four high-efficiency HVAC units during the facility challenge.

"Look for any types of grants or partnerships out there," Chavez advised other cities. "Always see what kind of creative funding you can get."

Chavez credited the city's leadership and SCE for guiding Norwalk's energy-saving efforts and looking ahead to potential new opportunities, including tapping into SCE rebates for more energy-efficient equipment and participating in Demand Response programs.

"The mayor, City Council and city manager gave the overall direction to the staff to go on this greener path and supported the staff every step of the way," she said, also recognizing Public Services Director Gary DiCorpo and Office Assistant Ruby Picon for making the Green Facility Team Challenge a success.

As for SCE, Chavez gave high marks to Account Executive Larry Sutton.

"He's been great and always accessible," she said. "He's full of energy and ideas. There are a lot of opportunities and we keep exploring how to be more efficient today than yesterday."

For more information on how you can benefit from SCE's assistance and wide array of energy management programs and services, contact your account representative or visit [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com).