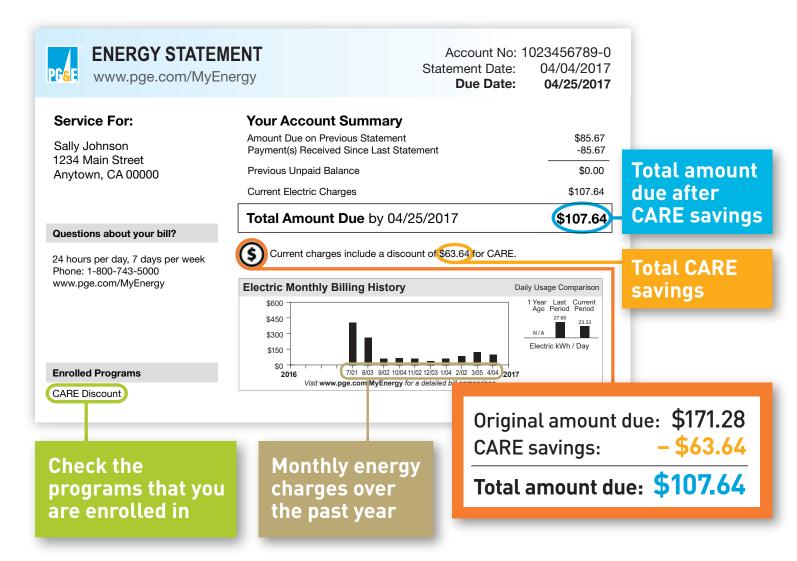
Why you should CARE about your energy statement.

Avoid being

removed from CARE see why your baseline allowance matters below

Review your monthly energy statement to see how much money you save by being enrolled in the CARE Program.

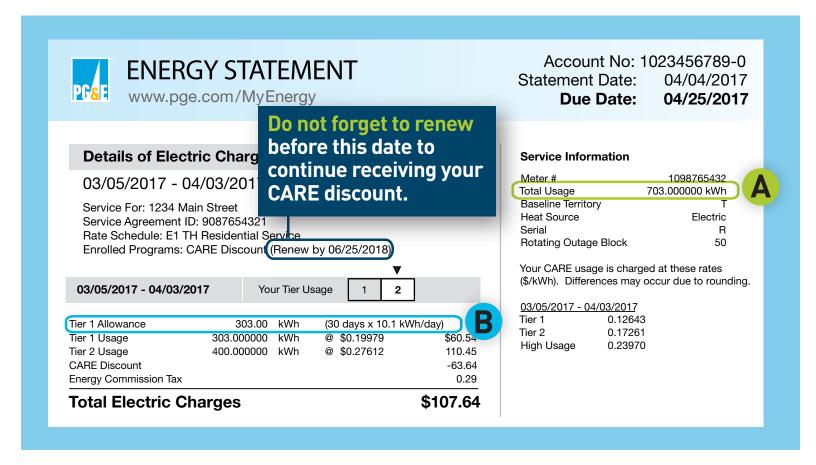




Why your baseline allowance matters.

To stay enrolled in the CARE Program, your energy usage must remain at or below 400 percent of your baseline allowance.

That is why it is important to know how to calculate your baseline allowance and manage your energy usage. If your energy usage is too high, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires that you verify your eligibility. If your energy usage remains high, your household may be removed from the CARE Program.



How to calculate your baseline allowance:





BASELINE

 $1,490_{\text{kWh}} \div 316_{\text{kWh}} = 471\%$

471% is more than the allowed 400%.

BELOW 400%

CPUC requires no further action.

400% to 600%

CPUC requires you to complete the post-enrollment verification process.

ABOVE 600%

CPUC requires that you be removed from the CARE Program.

Example of baseline allowance calculation.

Tips to help you save energy and money.



Everyday Tips

Set your thermostat to 78 °F or higher in the summer and 68 °F or lower in the winter.



Wash full loads of laundry with cold water. You will save about 90% of the energy your washing machine would use to heat water.



Set your refrigerator from 38 °F to 40 °F and your freezer from 0 °F to 5 °F.

REFRIGERATOR



Turn off and unplug computers, TVs, phone chargers, entertainment consoles, coffee makers and other devices, and save up to \$100 per year.





Everyday Tips

Turn off lights when you are not using rooms. During the day, rely only on natural light.



Take shorter showers to reduce water heating costs. Turn off the water when it is not needed like when you are brushing your teeth, shaving or doing dishes.



Make sure the lint trap in the clothes dryer is clean before you press start. Add a tennis ball or clean, dry towel to improve air circulation and reduce drying time.



Use your clothes dryer for consecutive loads. Built-up heat requires less energy.





Warm Weather Tips

Enjoy an afternoon out at the pool, park or local library. You can also visit our community cooling centers.



Use room fans to keep you cool. Remember to turn them off before you leave.





Cold Weather Tips

Close curtains, shades and blinds at night and when you are away during the day to prevent warm air from escaping.



Caulk gaps and cracks around drafty door frames and windows to prevent cold air from entering.

