GET YOUR HOME READY NOW TO BEAT THE HEAT

Spring has sprung and that means summer is on its way. Taking a few easy steps before the temperatures really start to rise will help you save on energy costs and avoid expensive repairs when summer arrives.

**Answer some questions:** For ways to control your energy bill this summer, take our quick online Energy Analyzer survey. In just minutes, this easy tool will help you analyze your home’s energy usage and provide you with tips to start reducing cooling costs right away. You’ll also receive information on other helpful programs and rebates. To discover how to start reducing your costs now, please visit aps.energysavvy.com.

**Get a Tune-up:** Get your cooling system ready for summer action with our Advanced AC Tune-up program. Performed with state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, an advanced tune-up can improve your air conditioner’s performance by as much as 10 percent, which will save you money. Plus, you can continue to save year over year, since an advanced AC tune-up can increase the life of your equipment. The best part is that you could qualify for a $95 rebate per system when the work is performed by a participating contractor. Please visit aps.com/tuneup or call (602) 371-3636 (metro Phoenix) or (888) 890-9730 (other areas) to learn more.

**Make a change:** If your AC or heat pump is more than 10 years old, it might be time to replace it. Upgrading your equipment could reduce your cooling costs by as much as $180 every year. And if you use a participating contractor to install a new, energy-efficient system, you could be eligible for $245 in rebates. Please visit aps.com/ac for more information or call (602) 371-3636 (metro Phoenix) or (888) 890-9730 (other areas) to find participating contractors.

PARTNERING WITH THE NAVY TO CREATE A RELIABLE SOURCE OF ENERGY

We’re always looking for new and better ways to provide our customers with safe, reliable service. This commitment is front and center in our partnership with the Department of the Navy to develop an ultra-low-emission microgrid network that will deliver reliable power to our Yuma customers during high usage periods. A microgrid is a small-scale power grid that operates independently or in conjunction with the main electrical grid.

Our new microgrid, located at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, will generate 25 megawatts of electricity when it becomes fully operational this summer—that’s enough to power more than 6,200 homes every year. In addition to benefiting our Yuma customers, the microgrid will enhance reliability and security at the Marine Corps station by generating backup power to keep the base on line during power outages. We are proud to partner with the Navy to bring such a vital energy asset to Yuma.
I think most of us would agree that managing your home’s budget can be stressful—everything from when you should pay your bills to how you pay them.

The good news is we offer several simple and convenient bill-related programs that can help you better manage your monthly cash flow:

- **Equalizer**: Simplify your budget by paying about the same monthly amount year-round
- **Pick a Due Date**: Choose a monthly due date that works best for you
- **AutoPay**: Have your payment automatically deducted from your bank account
- **Paperless Billing**: Replace your paper bill with an email notification when your bill is ready to view online

To enroll in any of these programs, please visit [aps.com](http://aps.com) or call us at (602) 371-7171 (metro Phoenix) or (800) 253-9405 (other areas). I encourage you to take advantage of any combination of these convenient options that fit your lifestyle and make doing business with us even easier.

Sincerely,

Stacy Derstine  
VP Customer Service and Chief Customer Officer

Thousands of students across Arizona are receiving hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education this semester through grants funded by the APS and Phoenix Suns Mini-Grant Program.

For more than a decade, we’ve partnered with the Phoenix Suns to award grants for K-12 teachers in public and charter schools located in our service territory. The funds support innovative, student-based projects that improve student achievement in STEM.

This year, teachers from 26 classrooms around the state received up to $2,500 each for hands-on projects that promote learning around STEM-related subjects. A diverse range of projects were selected for funding such as:

- Monitoring changing landscape in the White Tank Mountains
- Designing a solar car in Somerton
- Using forensics to solve a crime case in Eloy

By focusing on STEM learning, we are giving our students the additional educational support they need—because the future of Arizona is being developed in each and every one of our classrooms.

To learn more about these and other projects, please visit [aps.com/next](http://aps.com/next).

Considering rooftop solar? Stay informed with our brochure, “8 things to know if you’re considering rooftop solar” at [aps.com/gosolar](http://aps.com/gosolar). And, if you decide to go solar, visit [aps.com/findsolar](http://aps.com/findsolar) for a list of reputable Arizona-based installers who participate in our Qualified Solar Sales & Installation program. These local contractors have experience with solar installation and are in good standing with the Better Business Bureau and the Arizona Registrar of Contractors.

Power poles are critical in the delivery of safe, reliable electricity to your home and as such, should be treated with extreme caution. Please keep these tips in mind:

- Never attach anything, including signs or posters, to power poles
- Never climb a power pole or trees near power lines
- Keep antennas, kites and drones away from power poles

Please visit [aps.com/safety](http://aps.com/safety) to learn more ways to be safe around electricity.

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