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## Four **customer workshops** scheduled to discuss 2012 rates

Turlock Irrigation District is hosting multiple community workshops within its service area to discuss potential electrical rate changes in 2012. At these workshops, the District will present information regarding its costs, address customer questions or concerns and gather input. The same information will be presented at each of the four workshops.

In an effort to reach out to – and hear from – as many customers as possible, workshops will be held in Turlock, Ceres and Patterson (details shown at right). If you cannot attend a workshop but have questions or comments, please email them to [info@tid.org](mailto:info@tid.org) or send them standard mail to: TID, Attn: Public Information, P.O. Box 949, Turlock, CA 95381.

Date	Time	Location
Aug. 3	9-10:30 a.m.	TID Board Room, 333 E. Canal Dr., Turlock
Aug. 3	6-7:30 p.m.	TID Board Room
Aug. 4	6-7:30 p.m.	Patterson Council Chambers, 1 Plaza
Aug. 11	6-7:30 p.m.	Ceres Community Center, 2760 3rd St.



## Increase your **pool's energy efficiency**

The energy needed to keep a pool clean for the swimming season can equal what's used to run everything else in the home. So it pays to take some simple steps to make your pool or spa more energy efficient.

Perhaps the following tips will save you enough cash to buy that new floating lounge chair you've been eyeing.

- **Replace your pool pump.** Replacing a standard pump and motor assembly with a high-efficiency pump will often pay for itself in two to four years.
- **Choose a multi-speed unit.** While multi-speed pumps run twice as

long at low speed to filter the same amount of water, they use a fraction of the energy used at full speed.

- **Cover your pool.** A good pool cover keeps temperatures about 10 degrees higher in the winter. It also reduces evaporation of water and chemicals by about 70 percent. Covers minimize equipment wear.
- **Time it right.** Do this by operating your pool equipment before 1 p.m. and after 9 p.m. This will help the District to ensure reliability and meet electrical demand during the hot summer afternoons.

## 6 tips to **save energy** during the summer

It happens every summer. When the temperatures rise – especially into the triple digits – so does home and business energy consumption.

But a few quick changes to your energy consumption habits can help save on your monthly electrical bill. Even small changes over time can make a significant difference. Read these below and check out [www.tid.com](http://www.tid.com) for more energy saving tips.

1. Set the air conditioner to 78 degrees when home and 82 or higher when away. Replace your air conditioner's air filter every month.
2. Cook primarily with the microwave or outdoor grill.
3. Wash full loads of dishes and let them air dry. Do the same thing with your clothes (just not in the dishwasher).
4. Retire the spare fridge or freezer in the garage if it is not a necessity.
5. Purchase ENERGY STAR labeled products when upgrading your appliances.
6. Turn off anything not in use.

# Nails, staples, ads on poles a threat to safety

The District's electrical lineworkers cautiously work near high voltage lines during all hours and conditions to ensure a reliable power supply to homes and businesses.

TID is reminding people to avoid attaching any items to power poles. It's illegal, and it can hurt or kill lineworkers. These items include but are not limited to advertisements, nails, screws or staples.

California Penal Code § 556.1 outlines this misdemeanor crime, which presents an all-too-common danger for TID lineworkers.

Lineworkers use hook-like devices attached to their boots to help climb wood poles throughout the District's service area. Items like nails and staples cause safety concerns because they can force workers to be injured or killed due to a fall because their hooks did not gain a strong hold on a section of the pole. Likewise, lineworkers' protective gloves can become punctured by these items, lessening their defense from electrical wires and current.



Please don't attach signs, nails or staples (among other things) to wood poles. It's illegal, and it can hurt or kill lineworkers.

## POOL PASS PROGRAM



Want to give the kids a reprieve from the summer heat? TID has you covered. Stop by one of the TID offices in Turlock, Ceres, or Patterson to receive a **2011 Swim Safe Pool Voucher**. The voucher will admit one child, age 17 or under, to one of the participating community pools during their open swim periods. Participating cities include Turlock, Patterson, Ceres, Hilmar and Delhi. Locations and swim times can be found on the back of the pool voucher.

## SCREENING PROCESS: A rebate that beats the heat

One of the more popular summertime rebates TID offers is the **Sun Screen Rebate** program that allows eligible customers the opportunity to receive a \$1 per square-foot rebate when they cover windows with heavy-duty, vinyl-coated shade screens that block at least 80 percent of the sun's heat.

Visit [www.tid.com](http://www.tid.com) or one of TID's customer service locations to pick up a rebate application. Should you have further questions, call 209.883.8222 for more information.



## Be aware of un-sanctioned **phone survey**

A non-TID sanctioned, automated telephone survey began targeting Turlock Irrigation District customers in June.

The survey, conducted through an online Google service, asks questions regarding TID customer service and electrical rates, among other topics. This survey is being conducted by

an anonymous third-party that is not acting on behalf of the Turlock Irrigation District. As always, should you have questions regarding your TID service, please contact the District's Customer Service call center at 883-8222 or send an email to [customerservice@tid.org](mailto:customerservice@tid.org).

## Copper thefts on rise in Central Valley

Copper thefts are on the rise in the Central Valley. This is likely due to the rise in copper prices nationwide. Among the most common target for thieves is the copper housed in air conditioning units.

In the heat of summer, no one wants

to have an AC unit out of service, nor does anyone want to pay thousands of dollars for a replacement.

Two quick tips: padlock gates and fences that lead to your AC unit, and install motion lights around your home or business.

### TID Board of Directors

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The TID Board of Directors holds regular meetings every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the TID Canal Office, 333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock. For meeting agendas and board minutes, visit [www.tid.com](http://www.tid.com) or call 209.883.8300.



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