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TIPS TO SAVE ON YOUR HOLIDAY ENERGY BILL

SAN DIEGO, DEC. 09, 2011 – The holidays are filled with family, food and fun – all of which can add up to a bit of a post-holiday surprise on your SDG&E® bill. Being energy efficient during the holidays doesn't mean skipping out on the fun – it means using energy wisely to make sure your new year starts off on a good note. Here are a few tips to help you get over the river, through the woods and into energy savings!

- Put a lid on it! It traps steam and helps food cook faster. If you're using an electric range, turn off the burners a few minutes early because the burners retain heat.
- Holiday baking is a great for making tasty treats to share with friends and family. On cold days, it can also warm your home but your oven isn't meant to be used as a heater – keep the door closed while it's on.
- Check your vents to make sure that they aren't blocked by holiday decorations or guests' luggage. You can also close vents in rooms that aren't being used, which keeps more warm air in the areas you need it most.
- Feeling a draft? Your home may benefit from new windows, insulation and duct sealing. Check out Energy Upgrade California's incentive program that will help make your entire home more energy efficient and gives you money back! Visit sdge.com/energyupgradecalifornia to learn more.

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