

What is the California Climate Credit?

A Message from the California Public Utilities Commission

This October* your electric bill will include a credit identified as the “California Climate Credit.” Small businesses throughout the state, including yours, will receive this credit on your utility bills. This credit is paid as a flat rate amount twice a year, during April and October.**

You may have received this credit in prior years. For 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission redesigned the small business California Climate Credit to ensure more small businesses would benefit from this credit.

The California Climate Credit is part of California’s efforts to fight climate change. This credit is from a state program that requires power plants, natural gas providers, and other large industries that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution permits.

*Billing periods vary by utility and may not always coincide with a calendar month. If you don’t see a California Climate Credit on the bill that arrives this month, it will appear in the bill you receive next month.

**Applicable for October 2022 only, eligible small business customers will receive double the credit amount if they qualified for both 2022 (April and October) credits. The standard April and October distribution timeline will be in effect starting in 2023.

The credit on your bill is your share of the payments from the State’s program.

The California Climate Credit is one of many programs resulting from landmark legislation called the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Together, these programs are cutting pollution, creating jobs, and investing in cleaner energy and transportation. Your Climate Credit is designed to help you join in these efforts.

For more information about the Small Business California Climate Credit, visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/smallbusinessclimatecredit.

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