

Solarize programs administered by the Community Environmental Council (CEC) and The Ojai Valley Green Coalition are group purchasing offers designed to make going solar simple and more affordable for Ventura County homeowners. Solarize programs offer vetted installers, solar education and discounted pricing for a limited time. Solarize programs are active along the 126 Corridor, and the City of Ventura and Ojai Valley have already helped 151 Ventura County homeowners go solar in the last 3 years.

A key aspect of the Solarize programs in Ventura County is the education that they offer for homeowners that are considering going solar. Community workshops cover the

ins and outs of going solar, from technology, to tax credits, and financing options. In addition to the workshops, the Solarize programs provide an independent solar expert to answer solar questions via phone or email.

The Solarize programs will expire soon, and offer homeowners a limited-time discounted price. Interested parties may visit [www.cecsb.org/go-solar](http://www.cecsb.org/go-solar). More information is also available via phone at 805 963-0583 x101.



## UPCOMING VCREA OUTREACH EVENTS

- OCTOBER is Energy Efficiency Action Month
- OCT 8 Moorpark Country Days (Moorpark)
- OCT 16 Rotary Thousand Oaks Street Fair (TO)
- OCT 21 Oxnard Chamber Leadership Energy Day
- OCT 22 Holiday Light Exchange (VCPPC)
- OCT 26 Lowes Energy Conservation Event (Ventura)
- NOV 4 & 5 Holiday Light Exchange (TO)
- NOV 12 Holiday Light Exchange (Camarillo)
- NOV 19 Holiday Light Exchange (Simi Valley)
- DEC 3 Holiday Light Exchange (Ventura)



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### About VCREA

VCREA is a Joint Powers Agency composed of public agencies working in collaboration to address good energy stewardship through integrated demand side management practices in the Ventura County region.

### Ventura Partnership

The Ventura Partnership encompasses the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, the City of Ventura, and the County of Ventura to support energy efficiency improvements in public agencies and throughout the community.

### Our Website and Newsletter

Energy Leader is a quarterly publication published to provide valuable resources and information regarding energy efficiency in the Ventura County region. To receive our newsletter by e-mail, please log on to [www.vcenergy.org](http://www.vcenergy.org). VCREA is your one source resource for energy efficiency.

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## Beacon Leadership Awards

### Ventura County Shines

The County of Ventura government and all 10 local cities earned a total of 26 awards for achievements in saving energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and adopting policies and practices that contribute to a more sustainable community at the 2016 Beacon Spotlight Awards ceremony October 6th, in Long Beach.

The cities of Fillmore, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and Thousand Oaks each won Beacon Spotlight Awards for measureable savings in three categories, which include: Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions, Agency Energy Savings, and Sustainability Best Practices. Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA), was honored by the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative with the 2016 Beacon Program Champion of the Year Award.

Since 2003, VCREA has been spearheading countywide efforts to assist regional jurisdictions in developing and implementing sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance

the use of clean, efficient and renewable local resources.

"VCREA has been able to provide technical assistance to our member agencies that has helped train public agency staff, coordinate efforts in the region to undertake energy efficiency projects, and consider opportunities for long-term strategic energy efficiency planning," said Sue Hughes, Ventura County's Senior Deputy Executive Officer for Government Affairs. "The recognition Ventura County will receive through the Institute for Local Government's Beacon Program is a testament to the dedication and the hard work of all of our member cities."



The Beacon Program was created in 2009 to assist local governments in producing measureable achievements in five areas: Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions, Community Greenhouse Gas Reductions, Agency Energy Savings, Natural Gas Savings and Sustainability Best Practices. A complete list of 2016 Beacon Program Awardees is available at [www.ca-ilg.org/award-winners](http://www.ca-ilg.org/award-winners)

# CALGreen Title 24 Part 11 Training



## Building Green Workshop: Understanding the Code

VCREA has partnered with SCE to bring a free training opportunity, hosted by the County of Ventura Public Works Agency, Saticoy Operations Yard. The event will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**. This free four-hour course is designed for those interested in learning about the 2016 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen).

Cities across California are required to enforce the 2016 CALGreen Code on January 1, 2017. The course will review Residential and Non-Residential standards and demonstrate how designers and developers are addressing the requirements. New or updated standards will be highlighted in order to contrast changes from the previous code cycle.

Don't get left behind REGISTER by phone, call 626-812-7537 or 1-800-336-2822. To register online or for more information on this and other classes, visit [sce.com/workshops](http://sce.com/workshops).

## Restaurant Energy Savings

**On The Menu:  
Major Restaurant  
Equipment Energy Savings**



Your Business Can Earn Incentives with LED Bulbs  
[www.sce.com/energytips](http://www.sce.com/energytips) >

Ovens, ranges, refrigerators and freezers are restaurant essentials. A suite of Energy Star®-Qualified equipment can help cut energy costs by 10 to 30%, improve the quality of food prepared, increase productivity and contribute to a cleaner environment too.

Read and explore tools to help calculate when it becomes cost-effective to purchase new equipment along with the benefits of doing so. On The Menu: Major Restaurant Equipment Energy Savings clearly explains how maintaining, retrofitting and upgrading kitchen equipment is not only a great way to save energy; it's also good for business, and good for all businesses that count on the electrical grid for power. For the full article, go to [sce.com/energytips](http://sce.com/energytips).

# Energy-Efficiency Financing

## New Financing Programs for California

SoCalGas® is working in conjunction with its energy-efficiency rebate and incentive programs to offer qualified small business owners (including multifamily owners who do not reside on premises) a Small Business On-Bill Repayment Loan. Soon, businesses can begin applying for loans for eligible energy-efficiency equipment and project upgrades. Loans are interest-free, unsecured and non-transferable with no penalty for early repayment. The maximum loan term is 10 years or the useful equipment life (whichever is shorter). SoCalGas is offering business customers the option to borrow money and conveniently repay their loan through their monthly utility bill.



The single family Residential Energy Efficiency Loan (REEL) Assistance Program has already rolled out in California offering assistance to homeowners and renters access to lower-cost financing for energy efficiency projects while reducing risk to participating lenders. To learn more about these and other financing options visit [www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/energy-savings/financing](http://www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/energy-savings/financing).

## Education & Training Resources

Southern California Edison Offers training and workshops at two **Energy Education Centers (Irwindale and Tulare)**, in addition to online webinars. To enroll and for more information visit [www.sce.com/ctac](http://www.sce.com/ctac) or [www.sce.com/workshops](http://www.sce.com/workshops).

SoCalGas Offers Commercial and Industrial, Sustainability and HVAC seminars at the **Energy Resource Center (Downey)**. To enroll and for more information visit [www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/education-and-training](http://www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/education-and-training).

Energy Star Offers a variety of information and tools through the **ENERGY STAR Training Center**. To enroll and for specific courses and more information visit [esbuildings.webex.com](http://esbuildings.webex.com).

California Energy Commission Offers webinars on current energy efficiency standards and regulations rulemakings. For more information visit [www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency](http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency) (click on Notices & Workshops).