

# Powering Summer Fun

outdoor adventures. As temperatures rise, we're here to offer a few helpful ways to stay energy-efficient and still enjoy everything the season has to offer.

July marks the heart of summer: long, bright days filled with sunshine and plenty of

Whether you're already making the most of sunny days or preparing for back-to-school season, we've got you covered with tips, reminders, and a little seasonal fun.

## Find Your Favorite Ways to Go Green Long days, fresh air, and outdoor fun—summer in the Valley is in full swing. It's also a

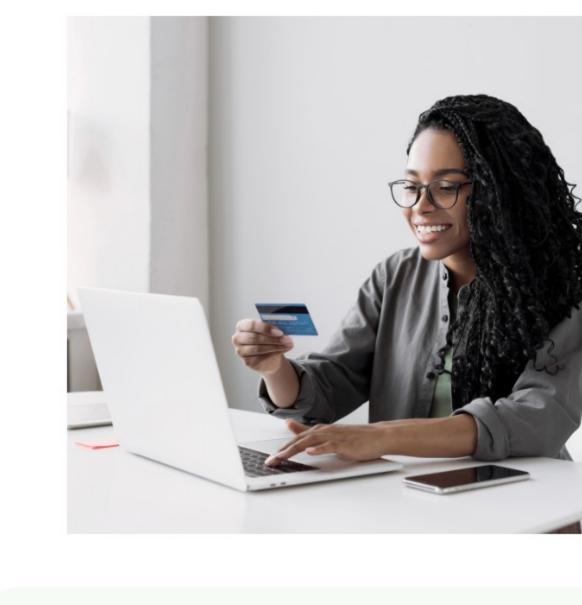
perfect time to embrace sustainability and give back to the environment. Explore a few simple ways to go green through our programs below.

# Friendly City Solar

Through this program, customers can purchase renewable energy blocks to have up to 100% of their monthly energy bills covered by solar energy generated at the Acorn Solar Farm in Harrisonburg.

<u>Learn more and sign up today ></u>





**Go Paperless** 

Save those growing trees by receiving and paying your monthly bill online. No checking the mail or mailing checks. It's that simple.

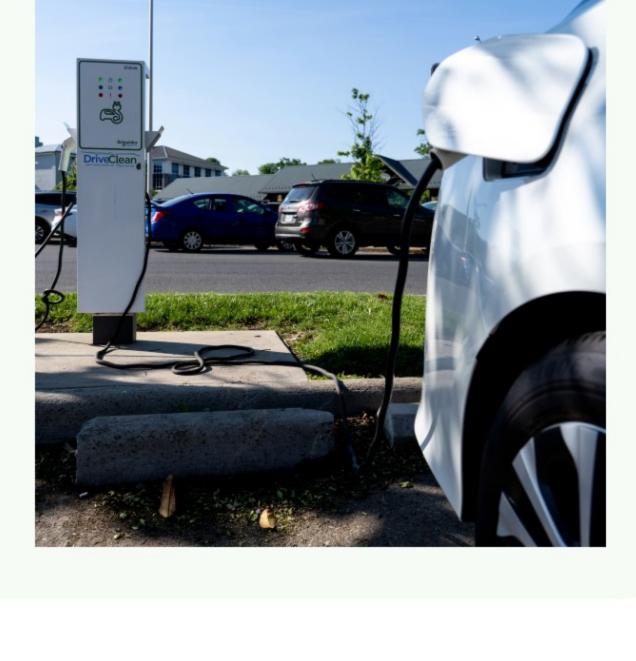
Get started with paperless billing >

**Car Charging Stations** 

Have an electric vehicle?

located behind our building at 89 W. Bruce St.

Charge up for free at one of our charging stations,





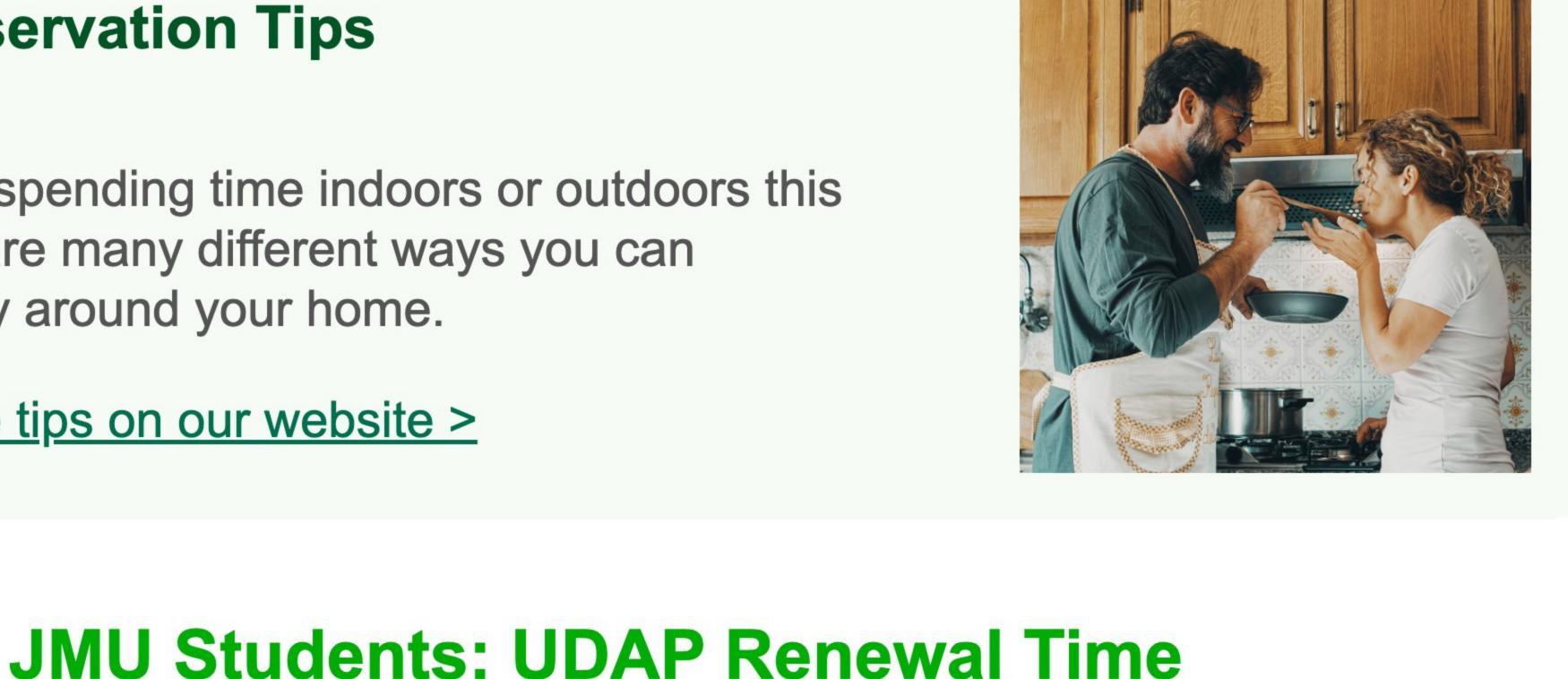
## Do you have your own solar panels, or are you

**Net Metering** 

interested in installing some? Receive a credit for solar energy generated by you. View program details >

## Whether you're spending time indoors or outdoors this

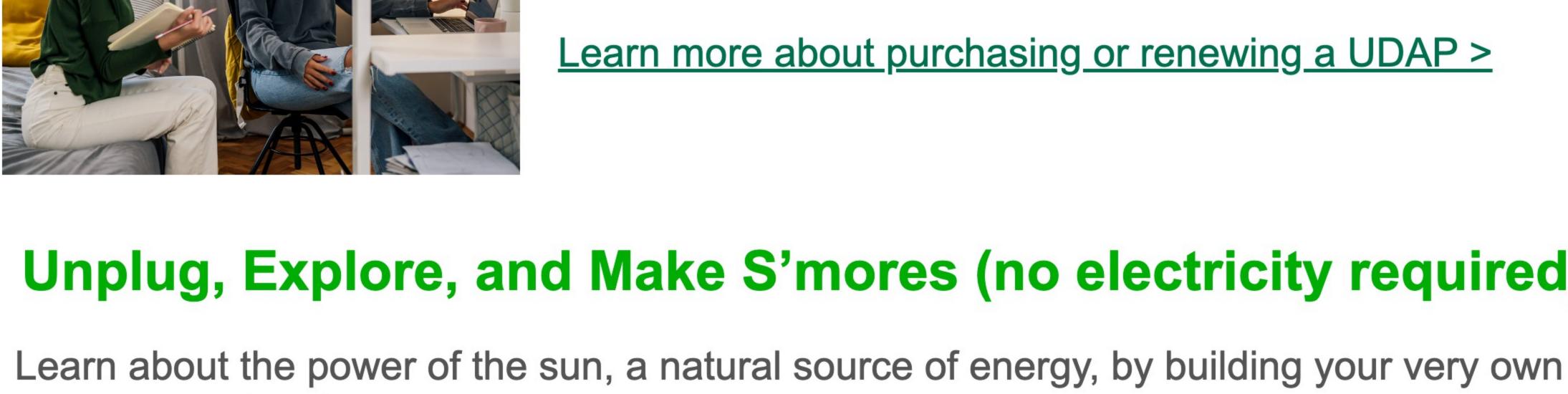
summer, there are many different ways you can conserve energy around your home. Find our favorite tips on our website >



### If you or someone in your family is a JMU student currently enrolled in our Utility Deposit Assistance Program (UDAP), it's time to review your contract for the 2025-2026 school

year. UDAP helps full-time JMU students access electric service without the need for a security deposit, making it easier to get settled and stay focused on school.

Please note: All current UDAP contracts expire on July 31, 2025. You must renew your contract or cancel your



Learn more about purchasing or renewing a UDAP >

electric service by that date to avoid the \$300 fee.

# Unplug, Explore, and Make S'mores (no electricity required)

solar oven. It's a fun way to talk about renewable energy while enjoying a summer treat!

What You'll Need: 1 empty pizza box or shoebox

### Clear plastic wrap or a transparent plastic lid Black construction paper

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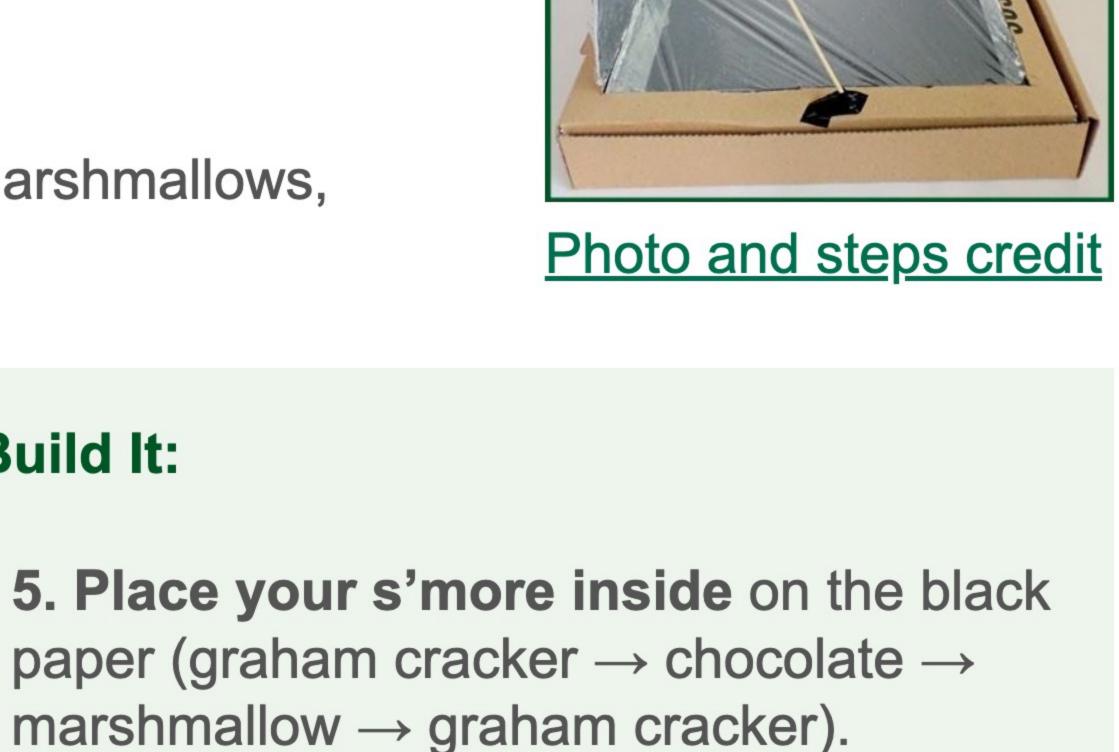
Aluminum foil

- Tape & scissors A stick or straw (to prop open the lid) • S'mores ingredients (graham crackers, marshmallows,
- chocolate)
- **How to Build It:**
- 1. Cut a flap in the lid of the box, leaving one side attached. Fold it open like a door.
- 3. Line the bottom of the box with black paper (this absorbs heat). 4. Wrap the opening with plastic wrap, taping it down to seal the inside (this traps

2. Cover the underside of the flap with

aluminum foil (this reflects sunlight into the

You're using solar energy (a type of renewable energy) to cook your food, no electricity needed! This shows how we can use the sun's power as an alternative to plugging in. You can find photo directions and more information <u>here</u>.



- 6. Close the lid and prop open the foil flap using your stick so it reflects light into
- the sun do its work!

7. Put your solar oven outside in direct

sunlight for about 30–60 minutes. Watch

Celebrate the Summer

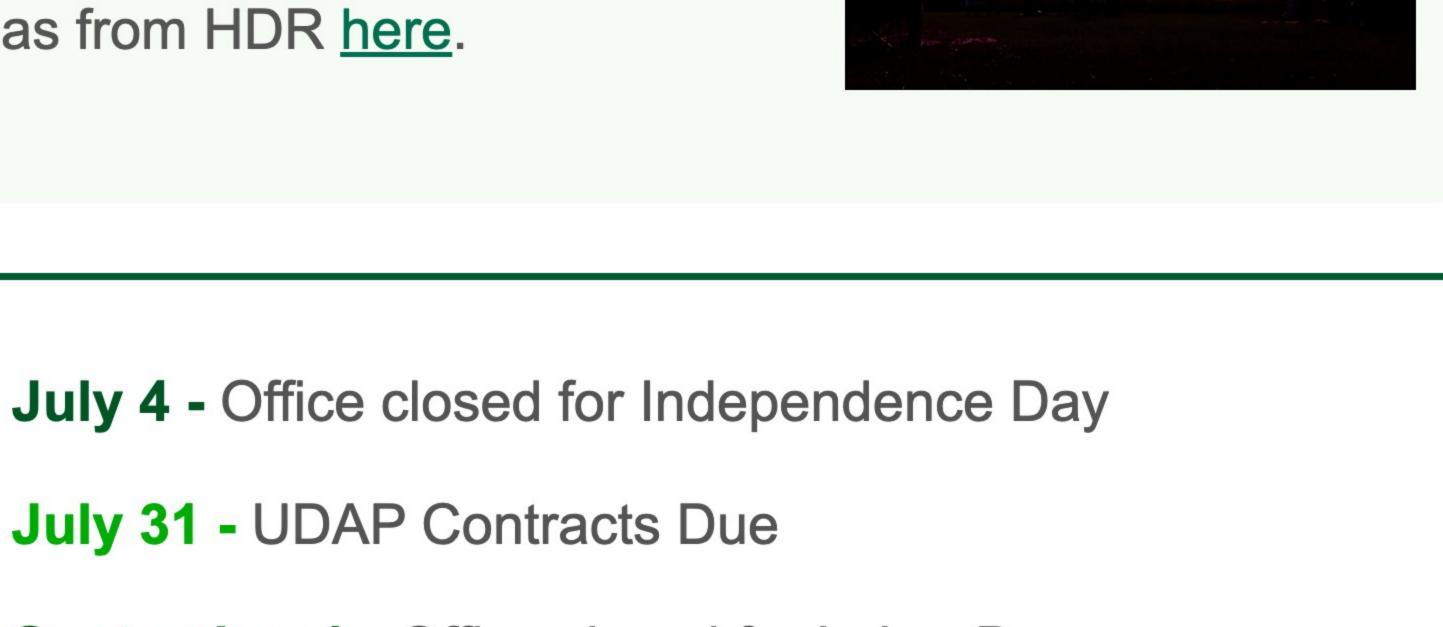
the box.

## We look forward to sponsoring this event every year and

Don't forget to join us once again for this year's Independence Day fireworks in Harrisonburg on Saturday, July 5th! The fireworks show will begin around 9 pm after the Levitt Amp Music Series.

information about viewing areas from HDR here.

can't wait to celebrate with the community. You can find



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July 31 - UDAP Contracts Due

Calendar September 1 - Office closed for Labor Day September 22 - First Day of Fall

September 25 - National HVAC Tune-Up Day

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