

- Close drapes and blinds to keep out direct sunlight during hot periods.
- Avoid using evaporative coolers or humidifiers at the same time an air conditioner is running.
- Run swimming pool equipment for the minimum amount of time, and during off-peak hours (before noon or after 6:00 p.m.).
- Limit the opening of a refrigerator.
- Stop hot, outdoor air from entering your home and eliminate the loss of cooled air with weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors.
- Clean or replace your air conditioner's filter regularly to help it run more effectively.
- Keep your air conditioning thermostat no lower than 78 degrees on hot days.
- During cold days and nights, set your heating thermostat no higher than 60 degrees.
- Dirty coils on the back or bottom front of your refrigerator can make it work harder than necessary. Check and clean the coils regularly, especially during the summer. See your appliance owner's manual for maintenance instructions.
- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents. These come in various shapes and sizes that fit regular, screw-in lamps and light fixtures, can last up to 10 times as long as old-fashioned bulbs, and produce less heat while using only a quarter of the electricity.
- Insulate your hot water piping from the water heater to the wall or ceiling pipe penetration. Wrap the tank in an insulating blanket if the water heater's energy factor is less than 0.59. Remember to follow the installation instructions.



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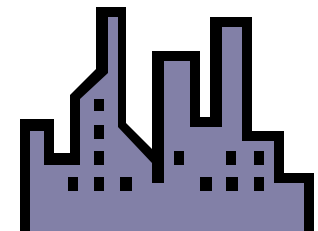
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The California state government is doing everything it can to solve the electricity shortage crisis by buying electricity, encouraging the construction of new power plants, securing long-term contracts for electricity supplies, stabilizing market costs, investigating supplier price gouging, supporting struggling utility companies, providing incentives for use of energy efficient lighting and electrical equipment, and promoting extensive electricity conservation by business and residents throughout the state.

Many of these solutions will take months before any benefit is realized. The urgency of the crisis is upon us now, as everyday the community is in jeopardy of rolling blackouts. Surviving the hot days of 2001 will be a challenge to businesses and residents alike, however every of us holds an important key for survival—**CONSERVATION.**



BUSINESSES:

BUSINESSES SHOULD WORK TO ACHIEVE A 50% REDUCTION IN ELECTRICAL

POWER CONSUMED BY OUTDOOR LIGHTING. On February 1, 2001, Governor Gray Davis issued Executive Order D-19-01 requiring retail businesses in California to substantially reduce unnecessary outdoor lighting wattage during non-business hours.

Compliance with this Order became mandatory on March 15, 2001. "Substantial reduction" means a good faith effort to reduce the maximum amount of energy used for outdoor lighting. Depending on current lighting levels and equipment, *businesses should target a reduction of 50% or more in energy consumption, but not more than necessary for safety of the public, employees, and property.* "Unnecessary lighting" means that lighting which is primarily for marketing and decorative functions. This does not include any lighting that provides illumination for safety of the public, employees, and property.

There are four ways in which light (i.e. energy) is commonly wasted: energizing non-essential lighting after hours, using energy inefficient equipment, sending light unnecessarily up into the atmosphere, and over lighting.



Examples of measures businesses may want to consider to maintain illumination necessary for the safety of the public, employees, and property, while reducing total electrical usage:

- Evaluate existing exterior lighting systems and identify non-critical lighting.
- Use or convert to only energy efficient lamp fixtures and bulbs.
- Locate or aim fixtures to provide maximum illumination without waste.
- Consider using bright or contrasting colors in signs rather than illumination.

- Evaluate and set specific outdoor lighting, as appropriate, to automatically lower or turn off after the close of business to the public, and/or after all employees have left the premises. After business hours, lower light levels to minimal levels—just enough to detect movement and provide sufficient security. Use timers, motion sensors, or an energy management system to turn off or reduce lighting.

The goal of the Governor's order is to ensure a reduction in electricity use and preserve public safety. Although compliance with this directive is primarily on a voluntary basis, egregious non-compliance will be addressed by law enforcement, if necessary and appropriate.



RESIDENTS:

Residents are requested to conserve 10% from their electricity use of a year ago. For the summer of 2001, the Governor has proposed a 20% rebate to residential customers who conserve 20% from their use last year. At this time, details regarding this program have not been developed.

EASY WAYS TO CONSERVE ENERGY:

Residential customers may want to start with these easy steps to reduce energy costs, improve comfort, and participate in conservation when the state is experiencing energy shortages.

- Use nonessential appliances, such as washers and dryers off-peak hours (before noon or after 6:00 p.m.).