



# Beyond the Wire

Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.



## Understanding Peak Days

Demand on the electric grid varies throughout the year, depending on weather and other factors, resulting in periods of high demand for power that can strain the electric grid. That's why Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), Central Valley Electric Cooperative's wholesale power provider, will occasionally call a "Peak Day."

Peak Days are typically called in the summer between June 20 and September 9 (excluding July 4 and Labor Day). WFEC will send a Peak Day Notification to CVE by 10:00 a.m. to let us know they have declared a Peak Day. Once we know a Peak Day has been declared, we will notify you through different media sources, including our website, e-mail, radio, and Facebook.

During the peak hours of 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., we ask you to take into consideration your electricity use and help us "beat the peak." Part of our future wholesale power costs are determined by these Peak Days. So, you can help us control our wholesale power costs by helping to control the demand for electricity on the system on Peak Days. If our wholesale costs are lower, that lower cost flows to you.

No matter what type of customer you are, large commercial, irrigation, residential, etc., you can make a difference by making small changes to curb your usage

during peak hours (2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). When a Peak Day is called, CVE will do our part to also help "beat the peak."



Here are some things you can do to lower your electric use during a Peak Day:

- Turn OFF lights that are not necessary.
- Change the thermostat setting on cooling units to reduce usage. For example, if you usually set your AC thermostat at 72 degrees, try turning it up several degrees during the peak hours. Use a ceiling fan to keep you cool but turn it off when you leave the room.
- Turn OFF devices that are not necessary, such as TVs, games, and computers.
- Postpone using your oven, doing laundry, running your dishwasher, or doing any activity that requires your water heater to be used.
- Cycling or curb ventilation fans.
- Slow down or turn OFF pumps.
- If you have the means, properly and safely connect to a generator.

## Stay on Top of Summer Heat With These Tips

1. Seal cracks around the house with weather stripping or caulk to help keep warm air out.
2. Change the air filter on your cooling unit.
3. Wash your outdoor AC unit and have your HVAC unit inspected.
4. Clear the air vents throughout your house.
5. Install a programmable thermostat. Leave it on a higher temperature when you are away, and set it to cool the house half an hour before you return home.
6. Update your insulation to help keep cool air in your home and warm air out.



# CVE Scholarships Awarded

The Central Valley Electric Education Foundation has awarded 101 scholarships to area students for the 2023-2024 academic year. The Foundation has provided scholarships to students pursuing higher education for almost 40 years and is funded by donations, memorials, and unclaimed capital credits.

Students who meet eligibility requirements can reapply for the scholarship for up to 8 semesters of undergraduate studies. For more information and scholarship eligibility, please visit [www.cvecoop.org/scholarships](http://www.cvecoop.org/scholarships).

Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients.



Kiley Barnes  
Erubiel Barrientos  
**Callie Bennett**  
**Maya Campuzano**  
Lexi Carlo  
Canon Carter  
Ricardo Contreras  
Dorian Cortese  
Rylee Crandall  
Brittany Daniel  
Shana Elkins  
**Brooke Flowers**  
**Laci Fuller**  
Yoselin Gaytan  
Alondra Gomez  
**Reginaldo Gomez**  
Blas Gonzalez  
Ryleigh Greer  
Mariah Grimm  
**Natalie Grimm**  
Gissel Guillen  
Kirstan Gwynne  
Konner Gwynne  
**Jordan Hamill**  
**Larrado Hammer**  
Latisha Hammer

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**Kylei Horner**  
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Alejandra Lopez  
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Fayth Lynch  
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Kaiti McKee  
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**Autumn Nailon**  
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Morgan Waltmire  
Justin Weddige  
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**Kolby Wooten**  
Autumn Wortley  
Haley Wright  
Miranda Zubia  
  
**New Recipients are in Blue**  
Returning Scholars are in Black



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