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Beyond the Wire

Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Are You Prepared for Storms?



Are you prepared for severe storms? Central Valley Electric Cooperative encourages members to review a few storm safety basics. A little planning now can make a big difference later.

- **Build an emergency kit** with essentials, like water, non-perishable foods, batteries, medications, and flashlights.
- **Only operate portable generators outside**, away from doors, windows and vents.
- **Charge phones, backup batteries, and essential medical devices** before storms move into the area.

When severe storms roll our way, you can rest easily knowing that CVE is monitoring conditions and our crews are ready to respond to any outage, and restore power in a safe timely manner.

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SmartHub is CVE's Web and mobile app that allows you to interact with us like never before. View and pay your bill, monitor your energy use 24/7, report service issues and more. Billing notifications will ensure you never miss a payment, which you can make through the app or on the Web with just a few clicks.



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Welcome New Employee



John May

IT Coordinator

SMART ENERGY TIPS FOR IRRIGATORS

Help reduce your demand on the electric system by following these easy tips.



WHAT IS DEMAND?

Electric demand is the amount of electricity being used at one time. Running several large pumps and motors at the same time can create high demand on the power grid..

Lowering demand helps:

- Reduce monthly electric costs
- Improve system efficiency
- Reduce stress on electrical equipment
- Support a more reliable electric grid



Stagger Irrigation Start Times



Avoid starting all pumps and motors at the same time.

- Delay starts by 15 to 30 minutes
- Rotate irrigation schedules when possible
- Use automatic timers or controls



Maintain Pumps & Motors

Well-maintained equipment uses less energy.

- Check motors regularly
- Repair leaks promptly
- Keep pivots and sprinklers operating efficiently
- Replace worn nozzles and belts



Reduce Unnecessary Watering

Overwatering wastes both water and electricity.

- Monitor soil moisture
- Use weather-based irrigation scheduling
- Shut-down irrigation systems during rainfall



Use Energy Efficient Equipment

Upgradeing equipment can lower energy use.

- Install high-efficiency motors
- Consider VFD's. CVE offers VFD rebates
- Upgrade outdated pumps and controls