



Beyond the Wire

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PEAK DAY: What It Means to You!

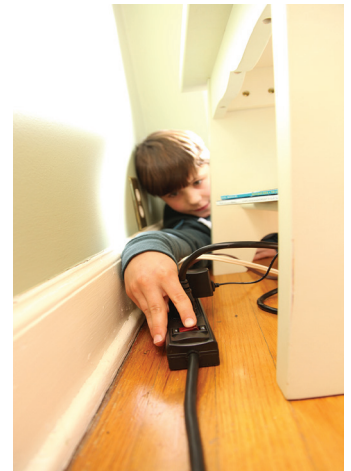
Demand on the electric grid varies throughout the year, depending on weather and other factors, resulting in periods of high demand that can strain the electric grid. That's why Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), Central Valley Electric Cooperative's wholesale power provider, will occasionally 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 try to 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 take into consideration your electricity use and help us "beat the peak." You can help us control our wholesale power costs by helping to control the demand for electricity on the system, and if our wholesale costs are lower, that lower cost flows down 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 the peak hours. When a Peak Day is called, CVE will also do our part to help "beat the peak."

Here's a few things you can do to lower your electric use during a Peak Day:

- Turn OFF lights that are not necessary.
- Change thermostat setting on heating and cooling units to reduce usage. For example, if you usually set your



AC thermostat at 72 degrees, try turning it up several degrees for a few 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.



Summer months can bring some of the highest energy costs of the year with the high demand for air conditioning. Keeping your home comfortable can be expensive, but it can also be dangerous. If your air conditioner runs too often, it can stress your home's electric system and create a risk for shock or fire.

Central Valley Electric Cooperative offers these tips to help your home be more energy efficient this summer:

- **Update your insulation.** This will keep cool air in your home and hot air out. You can add more insulation on top of existing insulation in your attic. Research the type of insulation you should use.

- **Get the air conditioner ready.** Shut off power to the unit before cleaning it. On the inside, wash or vacuum cleanable filters, or replace disposable ones. Outside, clear leaves and other debris away from the condensing unit. Hose off any accumulated dirt. It's a good idea to call a professional to inspect your unit early in the summer.
- **Use a smart or programmable thermostat.** Leave it on a higher temperature while you're away, and set it to cool the house half an hour before you return home.
- **Keep the sun out of your house.** Close blinds, shades or draperies during the hottest part of the day. Install awnings over windows exposed to direct sunlight.
- **Avoid unnecessary trips in and out of the house.** Heat comes in, and cool air escapes, each time you open the door.
- **Keep heat-producing devices away from the thermostat.** Heat from a lamp could cause the thermostat to read a higher temperature and keep the air conditioner running more than necessary.
- **Call CVE for a FREE HOME ENERGY AUDIT.** The professionals at Green Medal Energy will come and do a complete evaluation of your home and see where you're losing heating and cooling. They will then make minor repairs (caulking, weatherstripping, etc.) to fix issues found. Call CVE at 575-746-3571 to sign-up for the free home energy audit.

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