

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH FLEX ALERTS?



When it comes to reducing electric grid strain, we must work together. A Flex Alert is a call for Californians to voluntarily conserve energy when there's an anticipated energy supply shortage, typically during heatwaves between 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.* when Californians are returning home from work and school. By participating in Flex Alerts and reducing your energy use, you help maintain grid stability and reduce stress on California's power system during critical times.

Flex Alerts are issued by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) when the electrical grid is under stress due to high demand, extreme weather, or other factors. When you receive a Flex Alert notification, every bit of energy you conserve helps ease demand on the grid and maintains system reliability. There is no penalty for not reducing your energy use during a Flex Alert, but your participation makes a real difference for your community.



STAY INFORMED ABOUT FLEX ALERTS

Sign up for Flex Alert notifications at energyupgradeca.org/flex-alert

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR A FLEX ALERT?

Before 4 p.m.* on Flex Alert days, you can:



Pre-cool your home for the evening by running your air conditioning during the day, when more clean energy is available.



Do chores that use large amounts of energy, like laundry or dishes.



Enjoy the sun in the morning and adjust window coverings (shade, blinds, or drapes) in the afternoon to block sunlight and keep your home cool.

SAVE ENERGY BETWEEN 4 P.M. AND 9 P.M. WHEN A FLEX ALERT IS ISSUED*



Wait to use major appliances until after 9 p.m.



Raise your thermostat to 78 degrees and use fans if needed to stay cool.



Warm at home? Consider going to a cooling center, library or movie theater.

SAVE ENERGY DURING A FLEX ALERT TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

Communities and residents across California benefit when we use less power during Flex Alerts and help ease strain on the electrical system. When you reduce energy use during an alert, you're helping vulnerable neighbors and communities. Thank you for doing your part.

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