


# Flex your POWER



## EMERGENCY OUTLOOK

### What's the Problem?

In recent months, energy shortages in California have created a potential emergency for residents and businesses in Santa Clarita. This could lead to temporary planned rotating electricity outages.

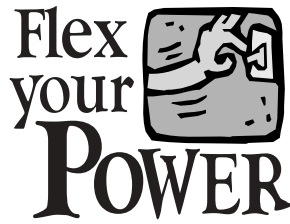
- Planned rotating electric outages prevent statewide loss of electricity.
- A Stage III power emergency indicates rotating electric outages may occur in your area.
- Rotating electric outages usually last approximately one hour.
- Rotating electric outages are spread throughout California.
- **Help to conserve energy.**

### What To Do If A Rotating Outage Occurs in Your Neighborhood...

Residents of Santa Clarita should conserve as much energy as possible. In the event of a rotating outage occurring in your neighborhood the City would like you to follow these safety tips:

- Drive carefully!
- Traffic signals may be out, consider each intersection to be a four-way stop, and drive defensively.
- If you are a pedestrian, be extra alert, since normal traffic patterns are disrupted.
- Keep a flashlight in your car or near your homes' front door, in case the power is off in your neighborhood during the evening.
- Have a battery operated radio close by, for any news or emergency information updates.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer as much as possible.
- Food will stay cold for hours, if the door is left closed.
- Check on your elderly neighbors.
- Check on those that might have medical conditions; or use medical machinery that operates on electricity.

# ENERGY CONSERVATION



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## Energy Conservation Tips

### HEATING

- Seal leaks in heating and air conditioning ducts.
- Clean and change the furnace and air-conditioning filters every two months.
- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower to heat your home.
- Turn your heat off or set it to no higher than 55 degrees when you go to bed or when your not home.
- Close your drapes at night and open them during the day to let sun in and help warm your home.



### LIGHTING

- Turn off lights that are not needed, in unused rooms.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with new, energy efficient compact fluorescent lights.
- Replace all bulbs with lowest acceptable wattage.
- Use timers or motion detectors on lamps that are used for security lighting.

### HOT WATER HEATING WASHING AND DRYING

- Set your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit, this is the legal setting.
- Use cold water to wash and rinse all loads, wash full loads only in the evening the demand for energy is less in the evenings
- Take showers instead of baths, showers use less hot water.

### COOKING

- Use your microwave oven in place of your range oven whenever possible.
- When you have to use your oven, cook more than one item at a time.
- Use flat-bottom pans for best contact with heat, with tight-fitting lids to keep steam in the pan.

### POOLS

- During extended periods of non-use (such as winter or vacation), turn the pool heater off completely.
- Clear debris from the pump and skimmer strainer baskets to maximize water circulation.
- Inspect your pool heater annually.

### REFRIGERATION FREEZING

- Keep your refrigerator temperature at 38 degrees.
- Freezer temperature should be maintained at 10 degrees.
- Defrost your freezer when ice or frost builds-up is 1/4 or thicker.
- Check your refrigerator/freezer door gasket periodically for signs of deterioration.

### POINTS OF CONTACT

**Emergency Preparedness**  
(661) 286-4093

**Sheriff's Department**  
(661) 255-1121

**Emergency**  
911

**Fire (Non-Emergency)**  
(661) 259-2111

**Edison Emergency**  
800-611-1911

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