

**WHEN OFFICIALS CALL
A FLEX ALERT,
SAVING ENERGY IS EVEN
MORE IMPORTANT.**

Californians have repeatedly come together to avoid power outages by knowing just what to do:



Turn off all unnecessary lights, electronics and equipment.



Wait until after 7 p.m. to use major appliances such as clothes washers and dishwashers.

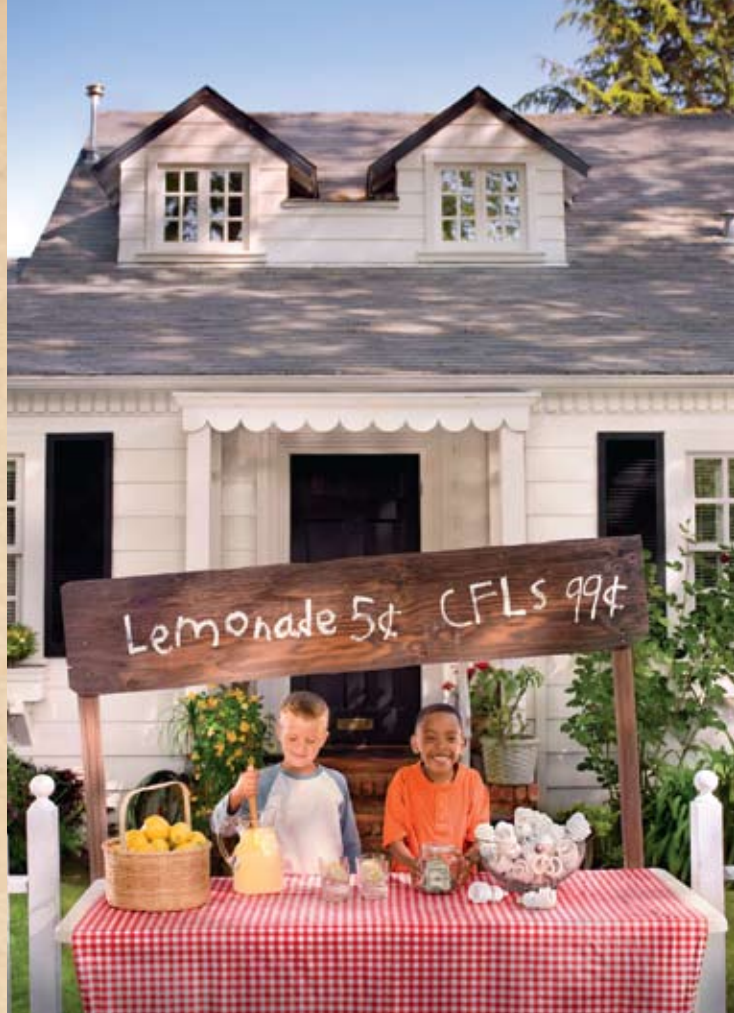


Adjust your air conditioning thermostat to 78°F or higher, health permitting.

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At Home:

Your household can quickly and easily cut monthly energy costs while fighting global warming:

Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and save 75% on lighting costs. Also, turn off unnecessary lighting and use desktop lamps with CFLs instead of overhead lights. If all Californians replaced 10 lightbulbs with CFLs, it would reduce global warming emissions the equivalent of taking 656,000 cars off the road.



Unplug electronics, battery chargers and other equipment when not in use. These products use electricity ("standby power") even when not in use.



Cut water use by installing faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads and low-flush toilets. As much as 19% of California electricity is used to pump, transport and treat water.

Set your thermostat 5° higher to save about 10% on cooling costs. Reduce air conditioning by using fans, putting weather stripping on windows and doors, and closing shades during the day. Replace old air conditioners with ENERGY STAR qualified models.



Turn your water heater down to 120° or the "Normal" setting when home and to the lowest setting when away.

Wash clothes in cold water and run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when fully loaded. About 90% of the energy use in a clothes washer goes to water heating. Also, make sure your dryer's outside vent is clear, and clean the lint filter after every load. If all Californians replaced their inefficient clothes washers with energy-efficient ones, it would be like taking 30,000 cars off the road.



Always buy ENERGY STAR qualified appliances and equipment. If all Californians replaced their inefficient dishwashers with energy-efficient ones, it would be like taking 62,000 cars off the road. Visit www.FlexYourPower.org for rebates and incentives.

SAVING ENERGY IS SMART BUSINESS.

At Work:

Show leadership by being a responsible employee and save your business money while you fight global warming.

Maximize natural light and turn off unnecessary office lights.

Turn off office equipment such as printers, computers, fax machines and coffee makers at night and when not in use.

Adjust power management settings to activate "sleep" mode during periods of inactivity.



Enable "power management" on all computers and make sure to turn them off at night. A laptop computer uses up to 90% less energy than desktop models.



Keep windows and doors closed to prevent the loss of cooled air. Adjust blinds and window coverings on windows that receive direct sun.

Plug all radios, cell phone and MP3 chargers, fans and other personal electronics into a power strip that can be turned off when not in use.

These devices draw energy 24/7, even when switched off.



Dress comfortably for the weather. Adjust your layers of clothing before adjusting the thermostat.



Talk to your company about implementing energy-saving technologies for your servers. By 2012, servers and data centers in the U.S. are expected to consume more than 100 billion kilowatt-hours annually. Existing technologies and strategies could cut server energy use by 25%. That's more than 1 million cars off the road, and more than 17 billion pounds of CO₂.

For more energy-saving tips and rebate information, visit www.FlexYourPower.org

