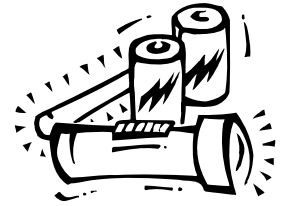




Rotating Electric Outages

Safety and Conservation Tips



What's the Problem?

In recent months, energy shortages in California have created a potential emergency for residents and businesses. 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
- ▶ You may not have power while your neighbor does

How Will I Know?

- ▶ You probably **won't** receive advance notice
- ▶ Listen to radio or television for information

What Could Be Affected?

- ▶ Household lights and appliances
- ▶ Garage door openers
- ▶ Traffic signals and street lights
- ▶ Some smoke detectors
- ▶ Health-related equipment
- ▶ Cordless telephones
- ▶ Elevators and escalators

Will I Be Affected?

If temporary rotating outages occur in Southern California:

- ▶ Some Southern California Edison customers **will** be affected
- ▶ Customers of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and some other municipal electric utilities **probably won't** be affected, check with your provider
- ▶ Check your electric or utility bill to determine your provider
- ▶ For questions, call the customer service number on your electric or utility bill
 - Southern California Edison (800) 655-4555, www.sce.com
 - Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (800) 342-5397, www.ladwp.com

Contact Information

- ▶ For general emergency preparedness information contact:
 - City of Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Department (213) 485-5231, www.lacity.org/epd
 - American Red Cross: Contact your local chapter or visit the web at www.acrossla.org or www.prepare.org
 - City of Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Information Helpline (888) 356-4661
 - Emergency Network Los Angeles (213) 896-9185
 - Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (213) 974-1166



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Preparedness

Before

Conserve energy:

- When home, set your thermostat at 78 degrees during summer, 68 degrees during winter
- Don't use large appliances such as your air conditioner, pool pump, clothes washer and electric dryer during peak times
 - Peak winter hours: 5 a.m. to 9 a.m.
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Peak summer hours: noon to 6 p.m.
- Close drapes and blinds to keep heat/cold out
- Weatherstrip doors and windows
- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs
- Limit decorative lighting

General Tips

- Have flashlights, radios and clocks, with extra batteries
 - People with special medical needs or equipment should be ready for electric outages
 - If you have a generator, read the directions and know how to operate it safely
 - Plan ahead with your neighborhood watch group
 - Know how to operate your garage door without electricity
 - Have a non-cordless telephone in case of an electric outage
 - Have a working, non-electric smoke detector (battery powered)
 - Use stairs, instead of elevators, during outages
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During

Do

- Stay calm
- Use flashlights or light sticks for lighting
- Turn off all appliances
- Turn off all but one light switch
- Listen to the radio for information
- Check on those with medical needs
- Stop at all non-working traffic signals and proceed when safe

Do Not

- Do not** call 911 due to a power outage
 - Do not** assume other drivers will stop for you at non-working traffic signals
 - The following are extreme fire hazards:**
 - **Do not** use candles for lighting
 - **Do not** use oven for heating
 - **Do not** use barbecue indoors for heating
 - **Do not** use barbecue indoors for cooking
 - **Do not** use propane indoors
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After

- Continue to conserve energy
- Reset all electrical equipment safely
- Continue to drive safely: power may be out in other areas