Excessive Heat Warning – Rotating Power Outage Notification

Los Banos residents should be prepared for rolling blackouts through the end of the week. Over the next week, California and the rest of the West Coast will face a historic heatwave that will put pressure on our energy grid. The State’s electric grid operator will direct PG&E to conduct rotating power outages beginning today at 3:00 p.m. These outages are expected to last 90 minutes.

In order to avoid electricity shortages, residents are encouraged to reduce energy usage in order to prevent service interruptions. It is especially important to limit energy usage from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sign up for Flex Alerts & learn more here: [http://www.flexalert.org/](http://www.flexalert.org/)

Easy Actions You Can Take at Home:

- **Adjust your thermostat**
  - Set your thermostat to 78° or higher during peak times from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Use smart or programmable features to help maintain energy savings when away from home.

- **Major appliance use**
  - Postpone using major appliances like oven, dishwasher, clothes washer/dryer, until cooler times of the day.
  - Run your dishwasher and clothes washer only when full.
  - Wash clothes in cold water.
  - Clean or replace dirty filters.
  - Turn your water heater down to 120° or the “normal” setting.

- **Close windows and doors**
  - In the morning before the day starts to heat up, close windows and blinds to keep warm air out.
  - Keep windows and doors closed to prevent loss of cold air.

- **Smart energy use**
  - Turn off unnecessary lights.
  - Use lamps with LEDs instead of overhead lights.
  - Enable “power management” on all computers and turn off when not in use.
  - Unplug phone charges, power strips, and other equipment when not in use.

Downloads and Resources

- **National Weather Service** – See current Watches, Warnings or Weather Advisories: [https://alerts.weather.gov/cap/ca.php?x=1](https://alerts.weather.gov/cap/ca.php?x=1)
- Public Health Extreme Heat Resources: [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/Extreme%20Heat%20Pages/BI_Natural-Disasters_Extreme-Heat.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/Extreme%20Heat%20Pages/BI_Natural-Disasters_Extreme-Heat.aspx)

- Red Flag and Fire Weather Warnings: [https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/communications/red-flag-warnings-fire-weather-watches/](https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/communications/red-flag-warnings-fire-weather-watches/)

- Fact Sheets from the CDC on those especially vulnerable to heat

  - [People aged 65 and older](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/heat/index.htm) | [Spanish (en español)](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/heat/index.htm)
  - [Infants and children](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/heat/index.htm) | [Spanish (en español)](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/heat/index.htm)
  - [People with chronic medical conditions](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/heat/index.htm) | [Spanish (en español)](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/heat/index.htm)
  - [Low income](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/heat/index.htm) | [Spanish (en español)](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/heat/index.htm)