

## Time-of-Use-Tips

Here are some easy tips to get the most out of a Time-of-Use rate plan. With this kind of plan, when you use electricity is as important as how much you use.

As a reminder, prices are lower for the majority of the day because that's when renewable resources, like solar power, are most plentiful and demand is lowest.

So, changing when you use some electricity will help California make progress toward its clean energy goals and create a healthier environment for everyone.

That doesn't mean completely shutting down during peak times in late afternoons and evenings. Making small energy use changes can help make a difference. Let's look at some simple options.

Number one: Load first, run later. During peak times, get your dishes loaded and your clothes ready to wash or dry. Then wait until off-peak times to press the start button, and benefit from lower-priced electricity.

Number two: Use your thermostat to run your AC during off-peak hours as you normally would, then nudge it up to 78 degrees when peak hours begin, health permitting.

Number three: If you're not using it, turn it off. One of the easiest ways to conserve energy during Peak hours is by turning off computers, appliances, televisions and lights that no one is using.

As you can see, together, we can all help move California towards a smarter energy future and healthier environment without sacrificing comfort.

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### **Audio Description:**

This video provides tips that help customers get the most out of their Time-Of-Use rate plan. We see a graphic overview that shows how energy has a lower price for most of the day, and then has a higher price in the late afternoon and evening. Shifting energy use helps California move towards a healthier environment for everyone, but that doesn't have to mean avoiding energy use during peak times. We see some simple tips showing how easy it is to make a difference. For example, load your dishes and washing machine at night, then wait until off-peak times to turn them on. Or run your AC as usual during off-peak hours, then bump up your thermostat when peak hours start. And of course, turn off electricity-using items when no one is using them. The final graphic reads: To see more easy tips, visit [pge.com/touinfo](http://pge.com/touinfo).