

Department of Fish and Game
DIRECTOR'S BULLETIN

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TO: All Employees

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SUBJECT: Energy Conservation

As you all know, energy conservation is on everyone's mind. Because of the importance of this issue, the Governor has asked me to ask all of you to do everything you can, both at work and at home, to conserve electricity. We will also send this message to all our constituents with every tool at our disposal: mail, email, news releases – as well as our regular publications – Fish and Game Today, the Enforcement Bulletin, and the Training Office Newsletter.

Please read and share the information in this letter with your family and friends. Pass on our electricity message: "It is time to turn off the lights, the television, computer, Nintendo or PlayStation and take the kids fishing" to all who will listen. Not only will they find joy in the sharing of the out-of-doors with the family, they will also help to conserve our limited electrical resources.

Dear Californian:

California continues to experience electrical shortages and rolling blackouts throughout the State. To reduce the risk of power outages, the most important thing we can do in the short term is reduce our demand for electricity and use energy more efficiently.

The Governor and leaders of the California Legislature are working with utility companies, generators and consumer groups to fashion long-term solutions for reliable and affordable electricity. The State has already implemented a plan to reduce consumption by at least 8 per cent across the board.

And you have an important role to play right now.

We in California have the power of nearly 35 million people and are the sixth largest economy in the world. By reducing our electricity demand we can help avoid shortages and lower energy bills.

All you have to do is **FLEX YOUR POWER.**

The Department of Fish and Game is devoted to protecting and preserving California's rich natural resources. Energy efficiency and conservation go a long way towards maintaining our rich environmental heritage.

Below you will find simple things that consumers, businesses, and children and teachers can

do to help reduce energy consumption. I encourage you all to do these right now to reduce demand, cut energy costs, and protect our precious natural resources.

For Consumers:

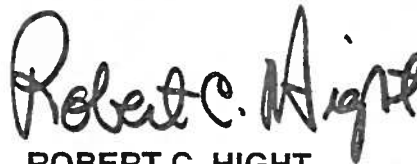
- Turn thermostats down to 68 degrees or below.
- Reduce settings to 55 degrees before going to sleep or when away for the day. (For each 1 degree, you'll save up to 5% on your heating costs.)
- Turn off non-essential lights and appliances.
- Avoid running large appliances such as washers, dryers, and electric ovens during peak demand hours from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Close shades and blinds at night to reduce the amount of heat lost through windows.
- Buy Energy Star appliances, products and lights.

For Business:

- Turn thermostats down to 68 degrees or below.
- Reduce settings to 55 degrees at the end of the day. (For each 1 degree, you'll save up to 5% on your heating costs.)
- Turn off all unnecessary lights, especially in unused offices and conference rooms and turn down remaining lighting levels where possible.
- Set computers, monitors, printers, copiers and other business equipment to their energy saving feature, and turn them off at the end of the day.
- Minimize energy usage during peak demand hours from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Buy Energy Star appliances, products, and lights.

Tips for Kids and Teachers:

- Choose an energy monitor for your classroom every week who will make sure that energy is being used properly.
- Start an "Energy Patrol" at school and at home. Check out the California Energy Commission's website--www.energy.ca.gov/education for more ideas
- At home, hold a ribbon up to the edges of windows and doors. If it blows, you've found a leak. Tell your parents.
- When you leave the room, turn off the light.



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