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## Heat Wave Tips

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- **Draw drapes**
- **Set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher**
- **Cool with fans**
- **Use appliances in early morning or late at night**

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### STAGE 1

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Consumers are urged to reduce their use of electricity voluntarily to avoid more severe conditions.

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### STAGE 2

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Voluntary interruption of service to select customers is required to avoid more severe conditions.

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### STAGE 3

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Consumers are advised that involuntary interruptions of service have begun and will continue until the emergency has passed.

# Power Watch 2000

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## RELIEF FROM HEAT EXPECTED FRIDAY NEED FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION REMAINS HIGH

*Thursday is Fourth Consecutive Power Watch Day*

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) has declared **Thursday, August 17th** a *Power Watch Day*. Continued power conservation from California residents is urgently needed.

Weather forecasts are calling for cooler temperatures on Friday throughout the state, but tomorrow's demand for electricity is still expected to be high. A great deal of residual heat has built up over the last six days of hot temperatures.

Thursday's estimated peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 42,521 megawatts by late afternoon. **Continuously updated information about California ISO operations is available on the web at [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com).**

**Power Watch 2000** is a public awareness campaign sponsored by the California ISO to communicate the current electricity resource outlook, in light of the rising demand for power in California. By providing regular updates on system conditions and peak demand forecasts, the California ISO hopes to convey the importance of using electricity wisely on days when electricity reserves may run low.

Incorporated under California law (AB 1890), the not-for-profit California ISO is chartered by the state to manage the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. Following the restructuring of the state's electricity industry, the California ISO's mission is to keep the open market power grid in California reliable,

Questions related to the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses should be directed to local utilities.