



# Power Watch

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## Powerful Habits

- **Set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher**
- **Cool with fans**
- **Draw the drapes**
- **Turn off unnecessary lights and appliances**
- **Use big appliances in early morning or late at night**

**Friday, September 10, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Flex Your Power Now Power Watch Day**

Southern California Only

While it is cooler in Northern California today, and no statewide record for energy usage is expected, it is still very hot in Southern California and electrical demand there is climbing higher than it was on Wednesday when a statewide record was set. San Diego Gas and Electric customers are setting another new record for demand in their service territory today. Consequently the California Independent System Operator is declaring a Flex Your Power Now-Power Watch Day today for Southern California only, urging people there to conserve energy.

Conservation plays a key role in helping the California ISO balance the demand for energy with the available supply. During electrical emergencies conservation becomes a critical factor in avoiding or reducing the impact of rotating blackouts.

Stage One: Unlikely      Stage Two: Unlikely      Stage Three: Unlikely

## 24-Hour Outlook for Saturday September 11

With cooler weather in the forecast, and the lower electrical demand typical of a weekend, the ISO does NOT anticipate any difficulty serving load over the weekend and does not expect to declare a Power Watch Day. The weather is forecast to continue cooling off in both Northern and Southern California into next week.

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This advisory is based on the best data available at the time of its release. Grid conditions can change rapidly. Information about the electricity supply within the California ISO's control area and the current demand on the system is available at [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com).



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### Stage One Emergency

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

### Stage Two Emergency

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

### Stage Three Emergency

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