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Contractors State License Board Calls on Contractors to Conserve Electricity as Heatwave Increases Demand Statewide

SACRAMENTO – The California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) is calling on licensed contractors to conserve electricity as a record-setting heatwave increases power demand statewide, straining the energy grid.

The California Independent System Operator (CalISO) is asking businesses and residents to limit energy usage, especially between the hours of 3 p.m. and 10 p.m., when demand is typically the highest.

Here are some tips to save electricity and potentially prevent rolling blackouts and outages:

1. Pre-cool your home overnight and in the morning by turning air conditioners down to 72 degrees
2. Keep air conditioning at 78 degrees or higher during peak hours, 3 p.m.-10 p.m.
3. Avoid using major appliances during peak hours
4. Turn off all unnecessary lights
5. Sign up for Flex Alerts at www.flexalert.org

CSLB, like many other state agencies, is also doing its part to conserve energy. All CSLB offices, public counters, and test centers will be closed daily from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. through Wednesday, August 19. We encourage you to use our online services at cslb.ca.gov as well as our automated phone line at 800-321-CSLB (2752) whenever possible.

Licensed contractors should also remember to stay safe in the heat by keeping yourself and your employees cool, drinking plenty of water, and taking breaks in the shade. To learn more about preventing heat illness, head to the Department of Industrial Relations [website](#).

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