

PEAK ALERT

The City has been notified by our electric supplier, Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative, that it may become necessary to call a PEAK ALERT during the months of July and August. Sho-Me will closely monitor weather conditions and only issue a PEAK ALERT when it is in the best interest of all concerned. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Public Works Department at (573)451-2000 ext. 1144.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the benefit of acting to conserve energy during a Peak Alert?

A: There are a number of benefits for the community as a whole and for individual residents and businesses. For one, we keep a lid on rate hikes if we take action when a Peak Alert is announced. This is because electricity must be produced on demand, and during peak demand periods additional generators are required. These generators are more costly to operate, and, therefore, they drive up energy costs.

Q: Does a Peak Alert signal a power shortage?

A: Not necessarily. It's possible the peak in demand could be an isolated event in our community, and a power shortage would likely come as the result of an entire region running at high demand for an extended period.

Q: I'm at work during the heat of the day, so why is it important for me to conserve when I get home late in the afternoon?

A: Believe it or not, energy use in our community often peaks after typical work hours (after 5:00 p.m.). This is because most residents leave work at roughly the same time, and they all begin using power when they get home. That's why conserving until the end of the alert is so important.

Q: How do I know a Peak Alert has been issued?

A: When a Peak Alert has been issued, it will be posted on Channel 12 WHS Tiger TV and on the city's website at www.saintrobert.com.

Q: What are the best ways to conserve energy during a Peak Alert period?

A: Every little bit helps, and no single action is too small. Here's a list of a few steps you might take when a Peak Alert day occurs:

- Set your air conditioner thermostat no lower than 78 degrees and your dehumidifier no lower than 78%.
- Use electricity for laundry, running the dishwasher, ironing, cleaning, etc., in the early morning or late evening.
- Avoid using the oven during the heat of the day.
- Close your drapes to block the sun's heating rays.
- Unplug unnecessary electric appliances and equipment.
- Turn off decorative lighting.
- Keep exterior doors closed as much as possible.