

Tips to Help You Reduce

As a business owner or manager, finding ways to manage your energy use and costs is more important than ever. Simple modifications to your operations and equipment maintenance procedures can go a long way toward saving energy and money for your business. Here are a few helpful tips to get you on your way:



No-Cost, Temporary Reduction Tips

- Turn off unneeded, ornamental or display lighting
- Reduce lighting levels
- Raise cooling thermostat setting to 78 degrees
- Pre-cool building/work areas or cycle air conditioning and ventilation
- Turn off equipment when not in use
- Shut down unused rooms and facilities
- Charge batteries and battery-operated equipment before noon and after 6 p.m. on weekdays
- Turn off decorative fountains



Low-Cost, Permanent Reduction Tips

Lighting/Equipment

- Install occupancy sensors in general usage areas so lights automatically turn off when unoccupied
- Replace incandescent or halogen lamps with LED lamps

Motors

- Practice preventative maintenance on motor systems
- Install variable-frequency drives to control motor speed

Refrigeration

- Install strip curtains or swing doors on walk-in refrigerators
- Install auto-door closers on walk-in doors

HVAC

- Install timers or program thermostats to power down after closing
- Perform routine maintenance on heating and air-conditioning filters, belts, coils and bearings

Weatherize

- Inspect weather stripping for deterioration or gaps around doors and windows
- Add interior or exterior blinds or window film to block heat in summer and allow daylight during winter

Water Heating

- Set water at 100-110 degrees Fahrenheit unless required higher for health or legal reasons
- Install an insulation blanket on your water heater

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Time-Of-Use Rates For Business



How They Work

With Time-of-Use rates, the cost of electricity changes depending on the time of day you use it. Instead of a single flat rate for electricity use, the cost of electricity on a Time-of-Use rate varies based on the time of day, day of week, and season in which it is used. This means that **when** you use electricity is just as important as **how much** you use.

The key to reducing cost on Time-of-Use rates is to limit usage during the higher-priced "On-Peak" hours and shift to lower-priced "Mid-Peak" and "Off-Peak" hours. You may already be conserving your energy use and with some additional changes in when you use electricity you could maximize your energy savings.

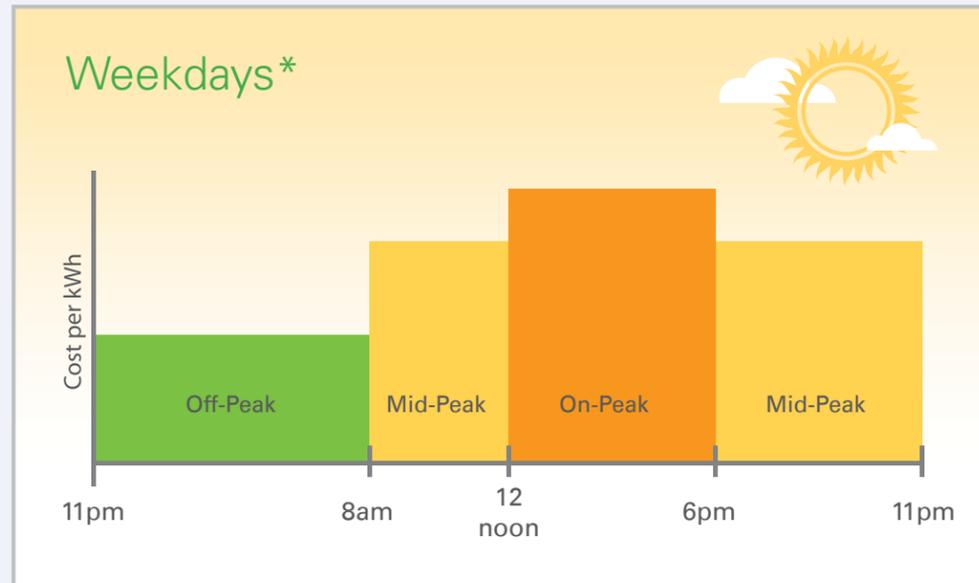


There are three different Time-of-Use periods:

- **On-Peak:** Highest Energy Cost
- **Mid-Peak:** Medium Energy Cost
- **Off-Peak:** Lowest Energy Cost

Summer Rates

Begins at 12 a.m. on June 1, and continues until 12 a.m. on October 1 each year.

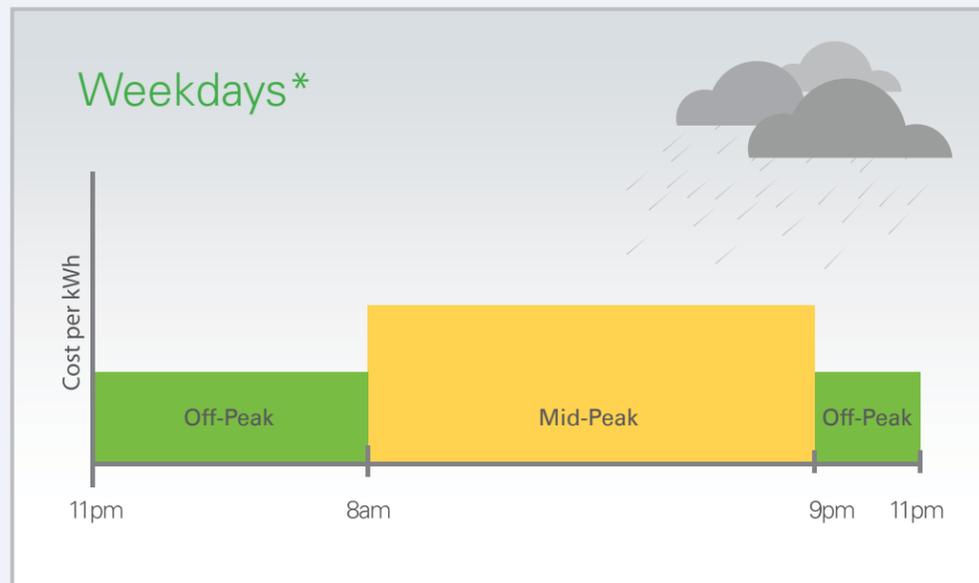


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Winter Rates

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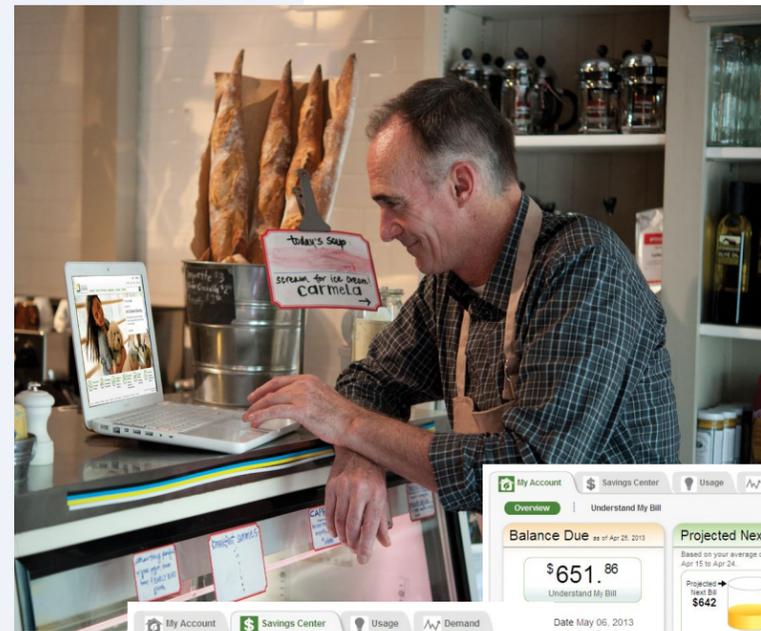
* The lower off-peak rate applies on holidays. When any holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday will be recognized as a holiday. Holidays are New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas.

Managing Your Electricity Costs on Time-Of-Use Rates

We offer various easy-to-use online tools, designed to help you better manage your energy use and create opportunities for savings. The sooner you sign up, the sooner you can start enjoying the benefits these tools offer.

Stay On Track and In Control

Want a one-stop shop for tracking and managing your electricity use? My Account is your business energy-use command center, where at a glance you can view usage history charts, track your current use and your projected bill, and access your daily demand report.



Fit the Bill

To help you stay in control of your costs, My Account also includes Budget Assistant, a free and easy-to-use tool to help you plan and manage your bill, and keep you within budget. You can set monthly spending goals online, and set alerts to keep you on track.

Real Solutions, Right Now

We're your ally to help you find ways to make your business more efficient — and it's easier than you think. From simple no-cost actions that instantly conserve energy to easy-to-implement upgrades that will permanently reduce energy consumption, we have the information and resources you need to get started. Visit us at sce.com/businessadvisor to learn more.

For more information on Time-of-Use rates, tools, and solutions to help manage your energy costs, visit sce.com/TOU or call us at 1-800-990-7788 to request a rate analysis.