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Save money on your electric bill by using smaller appliances and shifting your cooking habits.

LEARN

Cooking with smaller appliances uses less energy than an electric oven. For example, a microwave uses up to 80% less energy than an oven, when reheating small portions, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. If it's a warm day, smaller appliances also can release less heat into the home, saving you money on air conditioning and cooling costs.

Additionally, the type of cookware you use is important. Pots and pans with flat bottoms instead of warped bottoms can use up to 50% less energy to boil water. Glass, ceramic and copper cookware have better conductivity, so they hold heat better and use less energy.

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Choose smaller appliances when appropriate, such as:

Microwave



Toaster oven



Slow/Pressure cooker



Choose the right cookware and shift your cooking habits:

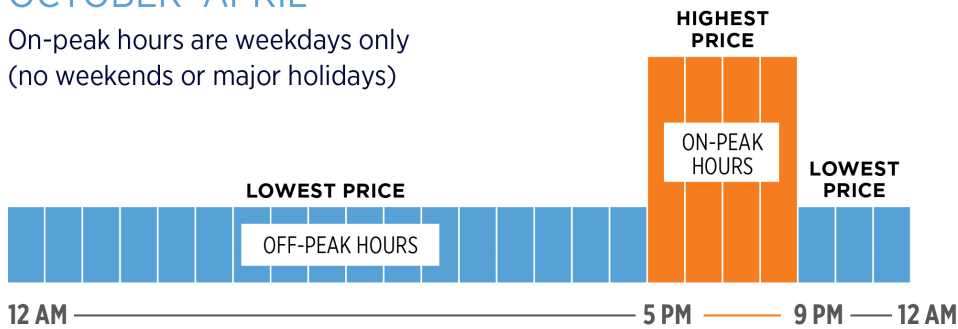
- Use pans with a flat bottom.
- Choose cookware made of glass, ceramic or copper.
- Use the right size pot/pan for the meal you are cooking.
- Use a lid on pots and pans.
- Use the oven light to check on food, instead of opening the oven door, to minimize heat loss.
- If your oven has a convection option, use it whenever possible to reduce cook times and oven temperatures. The convection option can use up to 20% less energy than the standard cook setting.

Time-of-Day On-Peak Hours Shift Soon

Starting Oct. 1, on-peak hours are 5-9 p.m. (weekdays) through April 30.

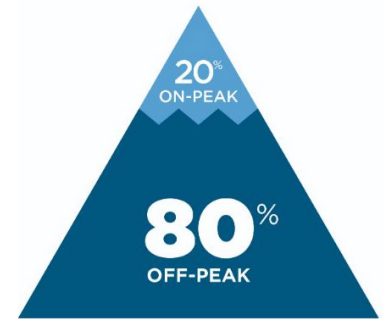
NON-SUMMER OCTOBER-APRIL

On-peak hours are weekdays only
(no weekends or major holidays)



For more information about Time-of-Day, please visit fcgov.com/tod.

Did you know?



Throughout the year, most customers use approximately 80% of their electricity during the lower-priced, off-peak hours.

LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO LOWER YOUR UTILITY BILL?

Utilities partners with local organizations to provide efficiency, conservation and bill payment assistance programs, including low- or no-cost resources that keep costs down. Many of these programs are available to individuals that rent. Learn more at fcgov.com/utilities-affordability or contact us at utilitiesaffordability@fcgov.com.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Payment Assistance Fund

Households with a current past due notice may receive financial assistance once per 12-month cycle on their electric and/or water bill.

Crisis Intervention Program

Free emergency furnace repair or replacement, available to LEAP-qualified customers.

Larimer Home Improvement Program

Low- to no-interest loans for emergency home repairs and improvements.

EFFICIENCY INSTALLATION PROGRAMS

Colorado Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE)

Free money-saving weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades for qualifying households.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Free money-saving weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades for qualifying households.

Water and Energy Program

Free home efficiency assessments and products through Larimer County Conservation Corps. Equipment installed includes LED bulbs, sink aerators, showerheads and toilets.

City Rebate Program: You may also qualify for a cash rebate for rent, utilities or tax on groceries purchased in 2018. Assistance is designed for low-income individuals, families, people with disabilities and seniors. Visit fcgov.com/rebate to learn more and apply by Oct. 31, 2019.

NEED ASSISTANCE? Email utilitiesaffordability@fcgov.com or call 970-416-2032.

Esta información sobre el programa "Income-Qualified Assistance Program", que ofrece una tarifa de luz y agua a descuento, puede ser traducida, sin costo para usted, 970-212-2900.