

## **Edison Seeks to Save Dollars for Business**

Southern California Edison offers an array of services and programs to help businesses reduce electricity consumption and save money. Their Business Solutions department offers information on lighting, refrigeration, HVAC, motors and food service. These programs and services are targeted to small and medium-sized businesses.

The following are some effective ways customers can reduce their power use and not be greatly inconvenienced:

### **LARGE ENERGY USERS**

- Turn off all auxiliary or redundant machinery where possible;
- Consider shifting or staggering operations outside the hours of highest electrical demand, typically noon to 6 p.m.;

### **AIR CONDITIONERS**

- Install a programmable thermostat;
- Set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees (F);
- Use electric fans instead of air conditioning if practical;
- Avoid cooling unoccupied rooms;
- Open windows during evening hours to take advantage of cool breezes;

### **APPLIANCES AND TOOLS**

- Delay until evening hours the optional use of appliances (dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers), chargers, power tools, and electrical equipment;

### **REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS**

- Limit the reopening of a refrigerator, which is a major user of electricity in most businesses & homes;
- Keep your refrigerator or freezer set at the proper temperature;
- Be sure to use the "power-saver" switch if your refrigerator has one;
- Keep the condenser coils behind or beneath your refrigerator/freezer clean;

### **ADDITIONAL TIPS**

- Use drapes and blinds to keep out direct sunlight;
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with ENERGY Star® qualified compact fluorescent bulbs;
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For more information about electricity conservation and SCE's energy efficiency programs, go to [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com).

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