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Load Management is the process of reducing electric load from our system during periods of peak demand. Managing the peak is an excellent way to conserve natural resources and to help to control rising electric costs in the long run. The City reduces the load by installing a switch, free of charge, to your electric water heater and/or air-conditioning unit. This switch will allow the City to remotely turn off the appliance for a few minutes during times of peak demand.

Load Management occurs only a few days a month, and on days when it does occur, the City normally controls the appliances for a few hours. The aim of load management is to reduce usage during the period when the wholesale electric system is reaching its peak for the month. Generally the peaks occur between 7:00-9:00 a.m. on winter weekdays, and between 1:00-6:00 p.m. on summer weekdays. History shows that load management is implemented an average of two (2) hours three (3) to five (5) days per month.

Savings per year can total \$48.00 if you install a switch on both your water heater and air conditioner. If the Load Management switch is installed on only one (1) appliance, savings per year will be \$24.00.

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