

Frequently Asked Questions About Peak Demand

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Don't use power from 4 to 8 p.m., when peak usage is highest.



What is peak demand?

HILCO Electric is billed for wholesale power from October of one year through September of the following year based on an average of the highest peak usage in **June, July, August and September**. This is the time during each month when HILCO's demand for energy is highest during a 15-minute period.

When does HILCO usually set its peak?

HILCO usually experiences the highest demand between 4 and 8 p.m.

What can I do to help keep HILCO's demand billing at a minimum?

Avoid discretionary use of electricity or utilize energy-efficient settings when possible. Discretionary items may include the dishwasher, electric range and clothes dryer. In summer months, cook on an outside grill rather than an electric range. Members also can reduce peak period demand by raising air conditioner settings 2-3 degrees in the summer.

If the cost of fuel goes down during the year, will the demand charge be lowered?

No. Once the demand is set, HILCO will pay that amount for the next 12 months regardless of fuel cost fluctuations in the market.