

## Napoleon Power & Light

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City of Napoleon Requests Electric Customers to Voluntarily Reduce Energy Consumption: **Tuesday, July 11 through Thursday, July 13, 2017.**As temperatures are expected to reach well into the 90s in the next few days, City of Napoleon electric customers are being asked to conserve power.

City officials said nothing is wrong with the electric grid; they're just trying to take every avenue to reduce costs for customers.

City of Napoleon customers are requested to voluntarily lower electricity usage during the peak period from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM beginning on Tuesday, July 11 and continuing through Thursday, July 13, 2017.

Mr. Joel Mazur, City Manager for the City of Napoleon, said, "There is plenty of power available and the grid is operating fine. What we are trying to do is conserve energy during peak hours in order to save the City and customers money on transmission and capacity costs next year. Lowering the peak demand will help keep the customer's electricity rates lower in the following year."

Customers can take simple conservation steps such as: shutting off lights when not needed; unplugging small appliances and electric chargers (especially those with small lights); raising the air conditioner thermostat a degree or two; closing curtains, drapes and blinds; doing laundry and other household chores requiring electricity during hours other than **2:00 PM through 6:00 PM**; and turning off televisions, computers, gaming consoles, and other electronic devices when not being used.

Mr. Joel Mazur has further stated, "As a municipal electric system, owned by its citizens and customers, it is contingent upon those same citizens and customers to keep the electric rates as low as possible for themselves and all other customers of Napoleon Power & Light. Our citizens and customers have the opportunity to make a difference in their system and their rates by conserving energy during the periods stated for the upcoming days. As forecast dictates, we will most likely be asking our citizens and customers to again conserve energy at additional times this summer."