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Sun River Electric Cooperative



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Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

Ripples

JANUARY 2025

WHAT IS DEMAND?

AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT MY ELECTRIC BILL?

DEMAND refers to the total amount of electricity you're using at any given time, measured in kilowatts (kW). Your electric bill is based on your demand. Demand is influenced by your household's energy usage patterns. Sun River Electric Cooperative tracks your energy demand every 15 minutes, recording the highest demand of the day. The highest demand logged during the billing period is reflected on your monthly bill. This means your demand can vary depending on your daily

activities.

For example, using a hand iron requires 1,000 watts of power. If you use it for one hour, it consumes 1,000 watt-hours or 1 kilowatt-hour (kWh) of energy.

Running multiple appliances at once increases your demand. For instance, a dishwasher uses 1,200 watts. If you run the dishwasher while ironing, the combined demand would be 2,200 watts. But if you run them at separate times, your maximum demand would

only be 1,200 watts.

Another example is if you're doing laundry, running the dishwasher and vacuuming all in one afternoon. Your energy demand would spike compared to a day when you're just watching TV or using a computer.

To lower high-demand charges, try spreading out energy-intensive tasks over several days or throughout the day. Demand tends to rise during the heating season (October through April), when electric heating is used

HIDDEN NUMBER

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$50 credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer.

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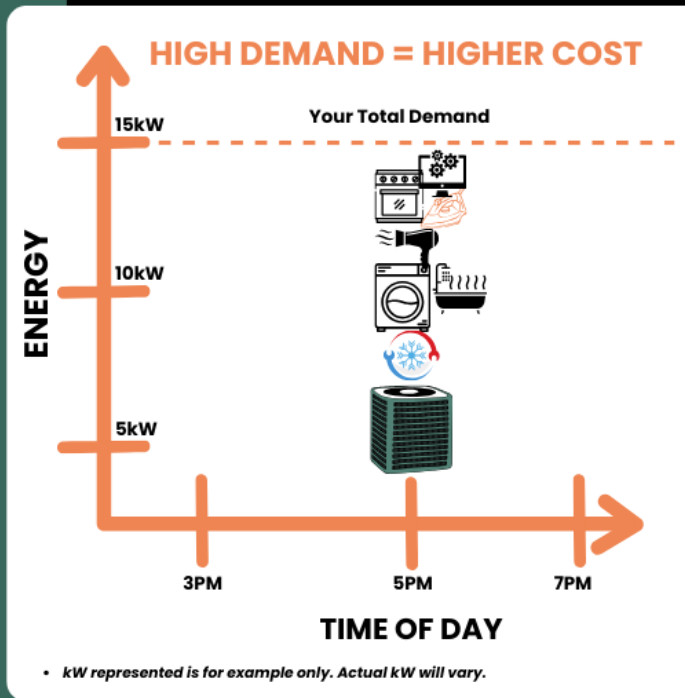
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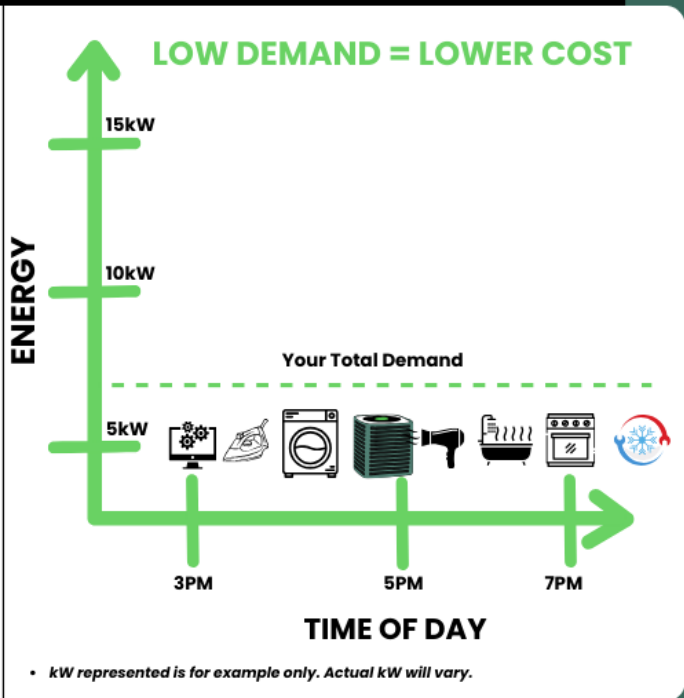
UNDERSTANDING DEMAND

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The easiest way to reduce demand while meeting household energy consumption requirements is to spread usage throughout the day and night.



Using multiple appliances at the same time will increase the Demand Charge on your monthly bill



Spreading out your use of energy will reduce your Demand Charge and lower your bill.

more frequently after being idle in the summer.

How Can I Lower My Bill?

Run large appliances such as washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers at different times instead of all at once.

- Use the microwave or convection oven instead of the full-sized oven when possible.
- Turn off lights that aren't being used.
- Set your water heater to a lower

temperature during the summer, around 120°F. 211085

- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs – they use 75 percent less electricity and last 10 times longer.

Set your programmable thermostat properly to reduce heating and cooling costs by up to 10 percent.

- Use ceiling fans to circulate air. In the summer, the blades should rotate to push cool air down; in winter, they should push warm air up.
- If you replace your refrigerator

with an energy-efficient model, properly dispose of the old one. If you continue using it, avoid placing it in hot areas such as garages, where it must work harder to stay cool.

- Close your blinds or curtains when it gets dark to retain heat.
- Add insulation to your walls and attic to keep your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.
- Change your HVAC filter every three months to improve airflow. ^{RM}

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MAGIE

Stop by the office in January for tickets to the 2025 MAGIE! And don't forget to visit us at the booth on January 15-17.



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