



El Dorado County

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In response to the continued energy shortages, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an emergency proclamation that will allow the use of backup generators and similar backup power sources without air quality permitting limitations to reduce the strain on California's electrical grid during peak times of the energy emergency. The proclamation, which remains in effect until midnight Thursday, August 20, can be found [here](#). The Governor also signed an additional [order](#) that allows power plants to increase energy production to assist with current needs.

El Dorado County AQMD supports efforts to reduce energy use and encourages businesses and individuals to do their part, including:

- Setting thermostats to 78° or higher between 3 and 10 p.m.
- Refrain from using major appliances between 3 and 10 p.m.
- Turn off unnecessary lights and use energy efficient lamps when needed.
- Keep windows and doors closed to prevent the loss of cooled air.
- Charge electric cars after 9 p.m.

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Thank you for working with us to improve air quality!