

City of McKinney Office of Emergency Management



Before, During, and After an Energy Shortage

Before an Energy Shortage

- Reduce and conserve energy usage during daily routines.
- Have your emergency supply kit stocked, up-to-date, and available.

During an Energy Shortage

- Utilize conservation techniques.
- Limit electricity usage to only that consumption which is absolutely necessary. Turn off all unnecessary lights, appliances, and electronic equipment.
- Do not use your dishwasher, laundry equipment, hair dryers, coffee makers, pool pump, or other non-essential home appliances during designated hours.
- Close blinds and drapes on windows that get direct sun, set air conditioning thermostats to 80 degrees, and use fans that circulate the air.
- Use microwaves or outdoor grills for cooking to avoid heating the home.
- Businesses should minimize the use of electric lighting and electricity-consuming equipment as much as possible.
- Large consumers of electricity should consider shutting down or reducing non-essential production processes.

After an Energy Shortage

- If you need assistance, contact:
 - Public Utility Commission Consumer Hotline at 1-888-782-8777
 - Office of Public Utility Counsel Consumer Assistance at 1-877-839-0363
- Resume normal functions and activities.
- Keep conservation in mind during daily routines.