

Energy conservation urged during eclipse

Liberty Utilities is encouraging customers to conserve energy during the solar eclipse on Aug. 21.

While the eclipse will last for less than three minutes on Monday morning, California is asking residents to conserve from 9am-10:30am. The state's "Do Your Thing for the Sun" campaign is designed to reduce energy demand on the electrical grid when solar energy sources will be affected during the eclipse.

Liberty is not anticipating any lapse in power during the eclipse.

Liberty Utilities offers these year-round no-cost energy conservation tips:

- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use, including computers.
- Charge your electric vehicle and other electronic devices in the late evening, preferably after 10pm.
- In warm months, set the thermostat to 78-80 degrees when home, and 5-10 degrees warmer at night or when you're not home.
- In the cooling season, close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.
- Use your electric dishwasher, clothes washer and dryer after 10pm when demand is lowest. Cook as late in the evening as possible.
- Barbecue outdoors when practical.
- Set your water heater to 120 degrees.
- Vacuum refrigerator coils, underneath and in the back. They need air space to work.