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## Stable 18-month Outlook for Ontario's Power System

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of Ontario's electricity system, in its latest 18-month outlook states that the period from September 2011 to February 2013 poses no new reliability or adequacy concerns for Ontario's power system.

Over 2,500 megawatts (MW) of new and refurbished generation is expected to be connected to Ontario's bulk power system over the next 18 months including the two refurbished Bruce nuclear units, 400 MW of gas fired generation in York Region and the construction of approximately 600 MW of grid-connected renewable generation. By February 2013, the IESO expects a combined total of more than 4,000 MW of wind and solar generation to be connected to either the high-voltage transmission grid or the low-voltage distribution system.

The IESO regularly assesses the adequacy and reliability of Ontario's power system. The 18-Month Outlook is issued on a quarterly basis and is available at [www.ieso.ca/18-Month.Outlook](http://www.ieso.ca/18-Month.Outlook)

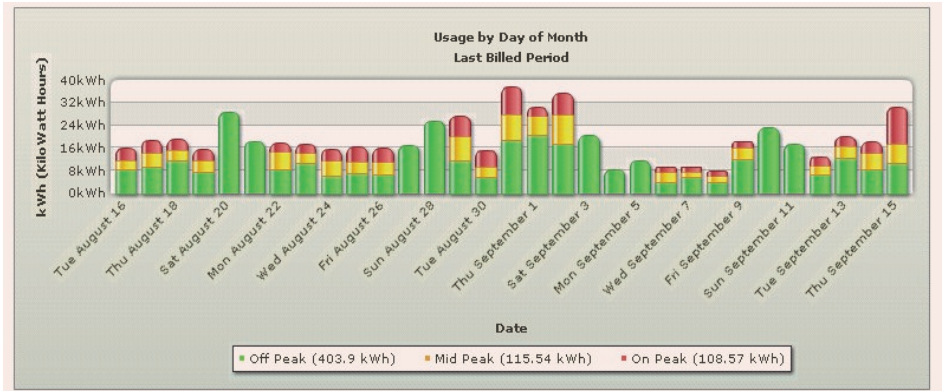
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## New Website Tools ... "Manage My Account"



Orillia Power has developed an interactive web portal to provide our customers with useful information about their account. To access the portal, simply go to the Orillia Power homepage at [www.orilliapower.ca](http://www.orilliapower.ca) and click "Log in to your Orillia Power account". Once logged in to the secure web portal, customers will have access to:

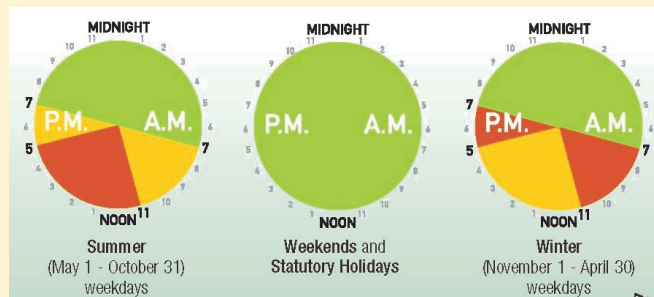
- ◆ Graphs displaying your Time-of-Use electricity consumption patterns (daily and hourly detail)
- ◆ A summary of recent transactions on your account
- ◆ Information about Time-of-Use pricing periods and rates



## Time-of-Use Pricing Guide

Prices subject to change May 1 and November 1 of each year

- Off-Peak**  
6.2 ¢/kWh
- Mid-Peak**  
9.2¢/kWh
- On-Peak**  
10.8¢/kWh



Prices as of November 1, 2011



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We are so fortunate to live, work and play in the beautiful city of Orillia. Now, more than ever, it is important to be aware of the impact that our day to day lives have on our environment and our community—not to mention our cost of living. With the introduction of smart meters, time-of-use rates and a growing concern for the environment, everyone will be looking for ways to save money on their electricity bill and to conserve energy.

Orillia Power, in conjunction with the Ontario Power Authority, is offering a new complement of Energy Conservation Programs for our Residential and Business customers to help you understand and manage your electricity costs. These new programs can involve significant bill savings and a wide variety of incentives.

The available programs include: The Fridge and Freezer pickup, Coupons for discounts on energy saving products, the Heating and Cooling incentive and the New Home Buyers Initiative for Residential customers.

There are also things like the Small Business Lighting Program the Retrofit Program, Demand Response and even Energy

Audits and Existing Building Commissioning for our Commercial, Institutional and Industrial sectors.

There are even more programs available to help meet the financial needs of our customers, the concerns of the province, the reliability of our power supply and to assist us all in becoming more environmentally responsible. We can all do our part and join the thousands of Ontarians who are already taking advantage of these great programs.

For all of the details concerning participant eligibility, eligible measures, incentives and more, visit [www.orilliapower.saveONenergy.ca](http://www.orilliapower.saveONenergy.ca).

For more information, you can contact us anytime at [conservation@orilliapower.ca](mailto:conservation@orilliapower.ca) or call Lisa at 705-326-2495, ext. 246.

## tips

### Keep warm and save energy with these tips

With winter just around the corner and Environment Canada predicting a colder winter, there is no better time to make sure your home stays warm. Here are a few winter heating tips that will help you save money and keep you warm during the chilly winter months:

- ◆ Block those drafts to improve your home's air tightness and reduce heat loss. If you feel drafts around windows, doors, electrical outlets and switches, you should think about caulking and weather stripping.
- ◆ If you don't use your fireplace, consider getting it sealed. Also, leaving your damper open when a fire isn't burning sucks warm air out of your home. But, don't forget to open the damper when you light a fire.
- ◆ Make sure your heating vents aren't blocked by furniture or drapes and the dampers are open so you're not blocking heat from entering rooms.
- ◆ Avoid heating areas that are not insulated, such as a garage, attic or storage shed.
- ◆ Put your thermostat in control. Use a programmable thermostat to lower your temperature when you are away at work or sleeping.



### LOOK OUT for these electrical hazards .....

Look for the following signs indicating potential electrical shock or fire hazard. You should contact a licensed electrical contractor if you notice any of these signs.

#### FUSES OR CIRCUITS THAT FREQUENTLY TRIP

Overhead plugs or outlets, fuses that blow, or circuits that frequently trip, indicate overloading of the circuit or possibly faulty electrical wiring of equipment.

#### LIGHTS THAT FLICKER

Dim or flickering lights can be a sign of a loose connection in a lighting circuit, fixture or your electrical service.

#### DAMAGED WIRES

Damaged wires or signs of deterioration to wire sheath, where exposed can present a shock or fire hazard—and indicate possible concerns with your home's electrical system.

#### GFCIs THAT DO NOT WORK WHEN TESTED

Test GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) outlets monthly as per manufacturer's instructions to ensure they are operating properly.

#### CLIMBING TREES

Look for power lines running through or beside trees. Do not climb or trim trees that are near power lines. Branches conduct electricity! Have a qualified tree trimmer do this work for you.

**LEARN FROM  
YESTERDAY  
WHEN  
PLANNING FOR  
TOMORROW!**

