Air conditioning and fans
Air conditioning can be the biggest use of electricity for your home in the summer.
- Use fans to circulate air and help you feel cooler.

For Peak Time Events:
- Cool your house prior to the Event and then turn your thermostat up 2 to 3 degrees higher during a Peak Time Event.
- Upgrade to a smart thermostat for automatic and affordable energy savings.

Cooking
Your oven and stove are not just energy users, they can also heat up your home.

For Peak Time Events
- Use your slow cooker, pressure cooker, microwave or air fryer to make a healthy, hot meal for your family.
- Choose a cold dinner, like sandwiches or a summer salad.

Dishwashing
Whether washing dishes by hand or with a dish washer, hot water uses a lot of energy.

For Peak Time Events
- Do your dishes before or after a Peak Time Event.

Windows
Close blinds or curtains on the sunny side of your home to block the sun.
- Install solar screens or light-blocking curtains.

Washer and dryer
Your washer accounts for one of your biggest uses of electricity.

For Peak Time Events
- Run loads before or after a Peak Time Event.

Hot water heater
Hot water heaters use a lot of energy throughout the day.

For Peak Time Events
- Take a shower, which uses less hot water than a bath, before or after the Peak Time Event.

Lights
Limit the use of lights, especially during the day.

Electronics
Turn off and unplug electronics like computers, game consoles, phone chargers and DVD players if you’re not using them.

For Peak Time Events
- Before the Event, fully charge the electronic devices you’ll want to use, like cellphones, tablets and laptops.
- Unplug devices when the Event starts to avoid using power during the event.

Follow these tips and tricks, big and small, to prepare your family for Peak Time Events this season.