

What is your plan, when is your peak?

If you notice your comfort is being disrupted, you have one of two options:

Increase demand limit, or shuffle allocation of energy so it does not reach peak demand as quickly. Your installer has guided you to an ideal demand limit based on your household specifications and prior bills. Increasing the demand limit will result in a higher bill, and may create a cycle of adjustment while you find your personal balance between savings and comfort.

Inergy systems recommends re-allocation of energy first, then the former if necessary. To reallocate energy, examine what consumes the most energy during on peak times, usually an HVAC.

We would like to remind you that your Inergy Demand Management System works by measuring your overall electrical consumption. Once the determined on-peak demand limit is reached, the system starts running controlled appliances by order of priority settings. Other, uncontrolled loads may affect how often and frequently the DMS applies Demand Management.

To increase awareness of when the system is working, we recommend the DMS notifications (here is a video link with instructions on how to do this)

Some Recommended Demand Management Strategies for Electrical Appliances:

Check your Utility bill and determine how your current on peak demand limit affects your bill. Assess your comfort level, and determine which strategies can be implemented to either increase comfort or decrease your demand limit.

Air Conditioners: if more than one, stagger temperatures during peak hours to keep priority areas of house cool.

- **Electric Heat:** Preheat your house to ideal temperature before on-peak hours. Less energy will be used as your system cycles to maintain temperatures set for 4 am and 4pm than if directly at 5 am and 5 pm.
- **Electric Water Heater:** If used during on peak hours, may recover slower as a result of Demand Management.
- **Pool Pumps:** As an uncontrolled load, should be run during off peak hours.

- **Electric Dryers:** should be run during off peak hours when possible. If at first priority, can cause your DMS to affect your Electric Heat and Water Heater.
- **Electric Stoves and Ovens:** try baking and heavy cooking during off-peak hours if possible. Use toaster and microwave to reheat meals. As an uncontrolled load, may cause your DMS to affect your Electric Heat and Water Heater.

For customers that have gas heat and gas water heaters, the Demand Management System should turn on rarely.

For customers that have gas heat with electric water heaters, there will be a moderate demand in winter and the Demand Management System will work to manage it.

For customers that have electric heat and electric water heaters, demand between appliances can be high and the Demand Management System will work to manage it.

