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**CON EDISON ASKING CUSTOMERS TO CONSERVE ON DAY FOUR OF
INTENSE HEAT WAVE**

Customers Can Assist in Keeping Service Reliable

NEW YORK – Con Edison is asking its 3.5 million customers in New York City and Westchester County to conserve energy and help keep service reliable, as the intense heat and humidity continue for a fourth straight day.

The company urges customers not to use energy-intensive appliances such as washers, dryers, and microwaves unless necessary. The company also asks customers to limit unnecessary use of air conditioning. If you have two air conditioners, use only one and set it to the highest comfortable temperature.

Con Edison is using all the tools at its disposal to keep service reliable during the heat wave. The increased amount of power flowing through the system causes cables and other equipment to get hot and can lead to outages.

The company projects that the demand for power will reach 12,300 megawatts today, exceeding last year's peak of 11,740 megawatts.

The company has reduced voltage by 5 percent in certain areas and activated its demand response programs. These programs offer incentives to customers who have signed up to conserve energy at times of high demand. The company has also deployed generators.

Crews are working around the clock in the extreme conditions to restore customers whose service is affected by the heat wave. Since the heat wave began on Sunday, crews have restored service to 27,500 customers. They are working to restore about 2,900, including about 2,300 in Brooklyn.

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