

Governor's Message on the Rotating Power Outages due to Electricity Shortage Caused by the Tohoku District – Off the Pacific Ocean Earthquake

– To the Prefectural Citizens –

The Tohoku District – Off the Pacific Ocean Earthquake on Mar. 11 caused damages to the nuclear power plants in Fukushima Prefecture and many power stations. In this relation, Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) has announced that it will implement the rotating power outages in Kanagawa Prefecture beginning tomorrow.

I would like to ask you to prepare for the power outages in the specified hours, and cooperate to save electricity as far as possible by turning off the unnecessary lights and refrain from using electric appliances even in the hours excluded from the power outages.

Also, please obtain information on the earthquakes, etc. by the portable radio during the hours of the power outages.

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Shigefumi Matsuzawa
Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture

[Requests by TEPCO concerning the power outages]

- Do not panic, but act calmly.
- Discuss within your family beforehand about what to do in case of a blackout. Please also support each other in your neighborhood.
- Do not use elevators from before the beginning time of the planned power outages.
- Turn off heaters and gas before the beginning time of the planned power outages.
- Have a portable radio, flashlight, etc. on hand.
- Refrain from going out by car.
- Backup data on your computers.

[Points of contact for inquiries (in Japanese)]

Kanagawa Customer Center (Daiichi)

Service areas: Kawasaki City and Yokohama City (excluding Izumi-ku, Totsuka-ku, Sakae-ku, and part of Konan-ku)

Branches in charge: Kawasaki Branch, Tsurumi Branch, Yokohama Branch

Tel: 0120-99-5772 (toll free)

Kanagawa Customer Center (Daini)

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Branches in charge: Fujisawa Branch, Sagami-hara Branch, Hiratsuka Branch, Odawara Branch

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* Information on the planned power outages is also provided on the webpage of K.P.G. at <http://www.pref.kanagawa.jp/cnt/p131688.html>.