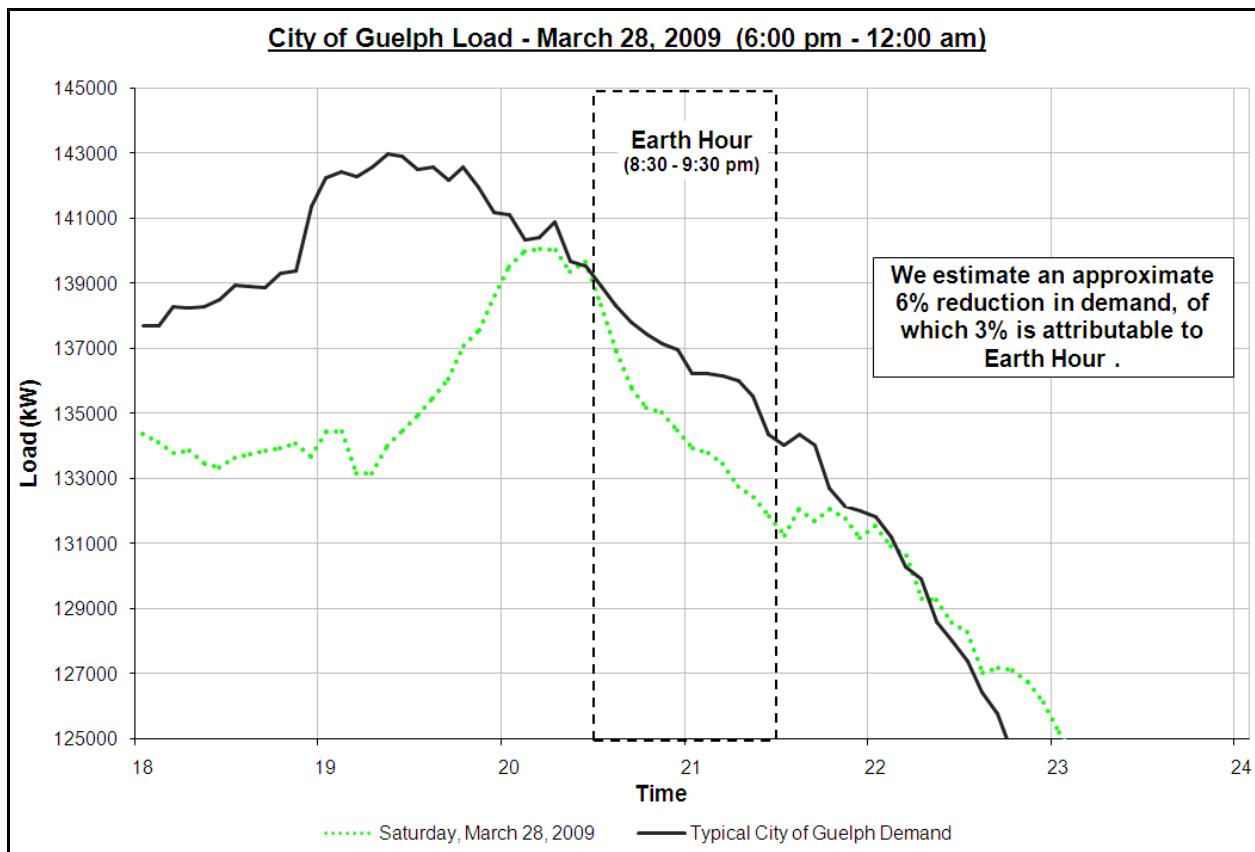


## GUELPH'S "EARTH HOUR 2009" RESULTS – March 28, 2009

Earth Hour is a global event, designed to encourage people everywhere to turn off their lights, reduce energy use, and reduce their impact on the environment. On March 28, 2009, residents of Guelph, in Canada and around the world decided to make a statement by taking up the challenge.

**Locally** Guelph residents and businesses participated in the 2009 Earth Hour event. In support of the event Guelph Hydro turned off interior and exterior building and parking lot lighting. The City of Guelph's total load was reduced by approximately 6% during the Earth Hour event, of which 3% is attributable to Earth Hour activities. This impact can be seen on the graph below, and is equivalent to removing 10 homes from the electricity grid for a month.



**Provincially** the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) reported that Ontario demand was reduced by more than 6% or 920 megawatts as a result of Earth Hour initiatives.

We thank everyone who participated in the event.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS relating to "EARTH HOUR", please check out the following web sites: <http://www.earthhour.org/> for the Sydney, Australia inaugural site, <http://www.earthhourus.org/> for Canada and the US, or <http://www.guelph.ca/earthhour> for local information.