

# Public Safety Power Shutoffs

## *The Power of Being Prepared*

### **Public Safety Power Shutoff**

Energy companies turn off power to fire prone areas during extreme weather events as a safety precaution. This is known as a Public Safety Power Shutoff. While Public Safety Power Shutoffs are more likely to occur in high fire-risk areas, all Californians could be impacted by emergency events and need to be prepared with a plan and an emergency kit. The Power of Being Prepared campaign provides customers with specific steps they can take to be ready should there be an extended power outage that lasts multiple days.

### **What to Expect**

The decision and action to turn off power is made by each energy company and is based on a combination of factors. These include high winds (including Red Flag Warnings declared by the National Weather Service), low humidity, dry vegetation and conditions on the ground. Power outages could last multiple days, depending on the severity of weather conditions and other factors, so it is important for everyone to have an emergency plan in place.

Energy companies will aim to send early warning notifications via phone calls, text alerts, emails and other means before turning off power. PG&E is working with customers to ensure they have updated contact information on file and are able to reach customers before, during and after a Public Safety Power Shutoff event. PG&E will also use websites and social media channels to share information and provide regular updates to local news and radio outlets.

### **Safety Tips**

Here are some steps Californians can take to help prepare for extreme weather and Public Safety Power Shutoff events:

- **Update contact information** with energy companies to sign up for important outage alerts  
PG&E customers: [pge.com/mywildfirealerts](https://www.pge.com/mywildfirealerts)
- **Identify backup charging methods** for phones and keep hard copies of emergency numbers
- **Plan for any medical needs** like medications that need to be refrigerated or devices that require power
- **Plan for the needs of pets and livestock**
- **Build or restock emergency kits** with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash
- **Designate an emergency meeting location**
- **Know how to manually open garage doors**
- **Ensure any backup generators are ready to safely operate**

- **Identify the unique needs of your family and loved ones in the area for your emergency plan**

### **Learn More**

For more information about *The Power of Being Prepared*, and additional steps customers can take to prepare for wildfire season and Public Safety Power Shutoffs, visit:

[www.prepareforpowerdown.com](http://www.prepareforpowerdown.com)

[https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/public-safety-power-shutoff-faq.page](https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/public-safety-power-shutoff-faq.page)

### **Register for Emergency Alerts:**

<https://www.marinsheriff.org/services/emergency-services/alert-marin>

<https://local.nixle.com/register/>