THE THREATS OF WILDFIRE AND EXTREME WEATHER IN CALIFORNIA ARE REAL. As a result, California’s three largest energy companies, at the direction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), are coordinating to prepare all Californians for the threat of wildfires and power outages during times of extreme weather. To help protect customers and communities during extreme weather events, electric power may be shut-off for Public Safety in an effort to prevent a wildfire. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff.

SHUTTING OFF POWER FOR SAFETY

As a safety precaution, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) monitors local fire danger and extreme weather conditions across California and evaluates whether to turn off electric power. The decision and action to turn off power is made by each individual energy company and is based on a combination of factors.

Factors include, but are not limited to:

- **High Winds** (including RedFlag warnings)
- **Low Humidity**
- **Fire Threat**
- **Dry Vegetation that could serve as fuel**
- **On-The-Ground Observations**
- **Public Safety Risk**

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

If a Public Safety Power Shutoff is needed due to extreme conditions, you can expect:

- **Early Warning Notification** – Your energy company will aim to send customer alerts before shutting off power.
- **Ongoing Updates** – PG&E will provide ongoing updates through social media, local news outlets and their website. Tune radios to KPRL 1230 AM for additional information.
- **Safety Inspections** – After extreme weather has passed, PG&E will inspect the lines in affected areas before power is safely restored.
- **Power Restoration** – Power outages could last multiple days depending on the severity of the weather and other factors. It is important that you and your family have an emergency preparedness plan in place.

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POWER SHUTOFF

NOTIFICATIONS (when possible)

Extreme weather threats can change quickly. When and where possible, PG&E will provide customers with up to 48 hours advance notice prior to turning off the power. They will attempt to reach customers through calls, texts and emails using the contact information they have on file. To stay informed, check out:

- Local News
- PGE.com
- Radio Outlets
- @PasoRobles Fire

ADDITIONAL PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program - Pge.com/wildfiresafety -1(866)743-6589 - wildfiresafety@pge.com

www.prcity.com

Ready.gov - Disaster preparedness information from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

readyforwildfire.org - CAL FIRE's wildfire preparedness website

cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo - Information on the CPUC's wildfire safety efforts

caloes.ca.gov - California Governor's Office of Emergency Services website

firesafecouncil.org - California Fire Safe Council website

WORKING WITH CALIFORNIANS TO PREPARE

While Public Safety Power Shutoff events 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. Customers should also update their contact information with their energy company so they can receive notifications. Below are specific steps you and your family can take to be ready, should there be an extended power outage that lasts multiple days.

CREATE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY BY FOLLOWING THE TIPS LISTED BELOW

- Update your contact information with your local energy company.
- Identify backup charging methods for phones and keep hard copies of emergency numbers.
- Have a plan for medications that need to be refrigerated or devices that require power.
- Plan for the needs of pets and livestock.
- Build or restock emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash.
- Designate an emergency meeting location.
- Know how to manually open your garage door.
- Creating an emergency plan information is available at prepareforpowershutdown.com