

# THE POWER OF BEING PREPARED

## PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF

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### 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, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE) and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) monitor local fire danger and extreme weather conditions across California and evaluate 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 Red Flag warnings)



**LOW HUMIDITY**



**DRY VEGETATION**  
that could serve as fuel



**FIRE THREAT**  
to electric infrastructure



**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** – Your energy company will provide ongoing updates through social media, local news outlets and their website.

- **Safety Inspections** – After extreme weather has passed, your energy company 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.

SEE THE OTHER SIDE FOR SAFETY TIPS 

[PREPAREFORPOWERDOWN.COM](https://www.prepareforpowerdown.com) provides a variety of resources, including tips for preparing for extreme weather, wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoffs. An emergency preparedness checklist and additional resources are available on the reverse side of this fact sheet.

# 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.

## STAY SAFE. TAKE ACTION.

### 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
- **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 your emergency kit** with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash
- **Designate an emergency meeting location**
- **Know how to manually open your garage door**
- **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**

Additional information on creating an emergency plan is also available at [prepareforpowerdown.com](https://prepareforpowerdown.com).

### LEARN MORE FROM YOUR LOCAL ENERGY COMPANY



[sdge.com/wildfire-safety](https://sdge.com/wildfire-safety)



[sce.com/PSPS](https://sce.com/PSPS)



[pge.com/wildfiresafety](https://pge.com/wildfiresafety)

## Additional Preparedness Resources:

- [ready.gov](https://ready.gov) – Disaster preparedness information from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- [readyforwildfire.org](https://readyforwildfire.org) – CAL FIRE's wildfire preparedness website
- [cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo](https://cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo) – Information on the CPUC's wildfire safety efforts
- [caloes.ca.gov](https://caloes.ca.gov) – California Governor's Office of Emergency Services website
- [firesafecouncil.org](https://firesafecouncil.org) – California Fire Safe Council website
- [noaa.gov](https://noaa.gov) – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website