Shutting off power for safety

Given the growing threat of extreme weather, we want all of our customers to be prepared for potential power outages.

If gusty winds and dry conditions, combined with a heightened fire risk, threaten a portion of the electric system serving your community, it may be necessary for us to turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff.

If we need to turn off an electric line for safety, all customers who receive power from that line will be affected, including Medical Baseline program customers. Critical facilities such as hospitals and fire and police stations typically use generators to remain open.

We encourage all of our customers to prepare an emergency plan and to update their contact information by visiting pge.com/mywildfirealerts. More information is available at pge.com/wildfiresafety.

What you can expect

We will make every effort to notify Medical Baseline program customers of a shutoff before it occurs. If PG&E ever needs to temporarily turn off power for safety due to forecasted extreme fire danger conditions, customers can expect:

Early Warning Notification
Our goal, dependent on weather, is to send outage alerts to customers at 48 hours, 24 hours and just prior to shutting off power. We will do so through automated calls, texts and emails. For Medical Baseline program customers we are unable to reach, we will knock on doors when possible, with a primary focus on those customers who rely on electricity for critical life-sustaining equipment.

Ongoing Updates
Regular updates about a possible Public Safety Power Shutoff event will be provided through social media, local news, radio and at pge.com. You can follow PG&E on Twitter (@PGE4Me), Facebook (@pacificgasandelectric) and Instagram.

Safety Inspections
After the extreme weather has passed and it is safe to do so, our crews will work to inspect the lines and safely restore power.

Power Restoration
We expect to be able to visually inspect the system for damage and restore power to most of our customers within 24 to 48 hours after extreme weather has passed. Because extreme weather can last several hours or days, for planning purposes, we suggest customers prepare for outages that could last longer than 48 hours.

Additional Preparedness Resources
- prepareforpowerdown.com – Statewide education and awareness resource, led jointly by PG&E, San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison at the direction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
- 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
- noaa.gov – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website

Emergency supply kit checklist
Stock up on enough supplies to last a week and refresh them once a year. Put your supplies in a waterproof container and store your kit in a place that is easy to reach. Here are a few tips to get you started:

Health and Personal Supplies
- Devices Dependent on Electricity & Batteries
  - Breathing machines, power wheelchairs and scooters, oxygen, suction or home dialysis equipment (as needed)
- Basic First Aid Kit
  - From antibiotic ointments and bandages to cold packs and more
- Medication & Eyeglasses
  - Prescription and non-prescription

Food and Water
- Drinking Water
  - 1 gallon of water per person, per day
- Food
  - Include food for all members of your household, including pets, that is non-perishable and easy to prepare without power
- Tools & Utensils
  - Non-electric can opener, forks, spoons and knives

Equipment
- Flashlights
  - Do not use candles
- Radio
  - Battery-powered or a hand-crank weather radio
- Extra Batteries
  - Include two extra sets in various sizes
- Mobile Phone
  - Include a portable charger

Visit pge.com/wildfiresafety for more information on emergency preparedness.
Stay safe. Take action.
The threat of extreme weather and wildfires continues to grow. Create and practice a safety plan to protect you, your family and your property.

Planning basics

- Update your contact information
  Visit pge.com/mywildfirealerts or call us at 1-866-743-6589.

- Keep a hard copy of emergency phone numbers on hand
  See insert.

- Build or restock your emergency supply kit
  Stock supplies to last a week — include flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, food, water and cash.

- Designate an emergency meeting location

- Practice manually opening your garage door

Planning for customers who use electricity and battery-dependent devices

- Plan for any medical needs
  Talk with your doctor and plan for medications that need refrigeration or medical devices that require power.

- Ensure any backup generators are ready to safely operate
  Generator safety tips can be found at pge.com/backupgeneration.

- Consider staying with a friend or relative during an outage

- Check the settings on your device
  When power is restored make sure the settings have not changed as devices can default or reset during an outage.

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN TO STAY SAFE DURING WILDFIRE SEASON?

Learn more inside about how to prepare for extreme weather and possible outages.