



Public Safety Power Shutoff



What to Expect and How You Can Prepare

What is a Public Safety Power Shutoff

All California Utilities now have plans that may include proactive power shut off during severe fire weather to reduce the likelihood of fire starts during hot, dry, windy weather. The CPUC has identified three tiers of fire threat areas in the State. The City of Petaluma is in Tier 1, which is the lowest hazard level. Some areas in Sonoma County and in areas around Petaluma do fall into the Tier 2 (elevated risk) and 3 (extreme risk) categories. Even though in Tier 1, Petaluma may be impacted by a power shut off to de-energize other areas of the region or if the main transmission lines coming into Petaluma need to be de-energized. There is the potential for a planned power outage to occur in Petaluma lasting 12-72 hours, or even longer. PG&E anticipates they will be able to give 24-48-hour notice to customers prior to a planned shutoff.

What to expect

- Gas stations unable to pump gas
- ATMs not functioning
- Traffic lights out—4 way stops at all intersections
- If stores are still open, credit cards may not work

How to Prepare

- Ensure your contact information is up to date with PG&E.
- Keep important phone numbers, such as numbers of hospitals, fire departments, police, friends and relatives in a convenient location in case you need emergency help or other assistance.
- Keep a flashlight with extra, fresh batteries in a convenient place. Avoid using candles because of the fire risk. If you must light candles, use extreme caution.
- Have a plan for medicine that needs refrigeration or if you are dependent on electricity for medical devices. Consider staying with family, friends, or a hotel in an un-impacted area.
- Practice how to manually open your garage door with the red handle override.
- Ensure your vehicle's gas tank is full. Your vehicle can be used to charge devices, listen to radio updates, travel to areas that aren't impacted, or get air conditioning relief from the heat. Never run your car in a closed garage.
- Ensure electronic devices are fully charged and identify backup charging methods.

- Build an emergency supply kit.
- Have BBQ propane tanks topped-off or charcoal stocked.
- Look into cooling center locations.
- A fully stocked freezer will keep food frozen longer, up to 48 hours. A refrigerator will keep perishables safe 4-6 hours. Pre-plan meals accordingly.
- Cordless phones will not work if the power is out. Have a hard-lined home phone as back up. Cell carriers are working on plans to have back-up generators at cell towers. If service is limited, texting may work better than voice calls.
- If using a generator, make sure it is not tied into the main electrical unless it has been installed by a professional and is equipment with a transfer switch. If using a small portable generator, DO NOT run it indoors.
- Contact your neighbors who may need your help to get ready.
- Make a plan for caring for pets.

Emergency Supply Kit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water: 1 gallon per person per day for 3 days | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food: 3 day supply of non-perishable items like granola bars | <input type="checkbox"/> A battery powered or hand-crank radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food and water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash including small bills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Local maps |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard copies of critical information and documents |

Additional Information and Websites

Register at nixle.com or text your zip code to 888-777 to receive local alerts.

Register at SoCoAlert.com or call (866) 939-0911, press “0” at the menu, ask operator for help registering to SoCoAlert

Update your contact information with PG&E at: pge.com/?WT.pgeac=Wildfire_CTA-ContactInfo#login

For more information, visit petalumastar.com/powershutoff, Ready.gov, prepareforpowerdown.com, readyforwildfire.org or socoemergency.org

Learn about COPE (Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies) at cityofpetaluma.net/firedept/disaster.html