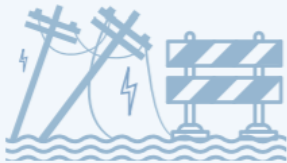


PREPARING FOR A POWER OUTAGE



What should you be doing?

Loss of power may last hours or days



May disrupt communications, water, transportation



May close retail businesses, grocery stores, gas stations, ATMs, banks, and other services



Can cause food spoilage, water contamination



Can prevent use of medical devices

BEFORE



Check with the Community Warning System for updates and Register for alerts from COCOCWS.US



Update your contact information with PG&E pge.com/wildfiresafety



Take an inventory of the items you use that rely on electricity



Plan for your family and pet medical needs

Keep mobile phones charged



Identify backup charging methods for phones and electronics



Store water and non-perishable food

Install home carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups



Consider parking on the street if using an electronic garage door opener



Keep gas tanks full

Talk to your family and neighbors and share your plan

DURING



Keep freezers and refrigerators closed



Monitor freezer and refrigerator temperatures with a thermometer



Use perishable food supplies first



Use generators, stoves and grills outdoors away from windows

Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage

Check on neighbors, animals and family



AFTER



When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away food exposed to temperatures above 39 degrees for more than two hours

Check with your pharmacist about refrigerated medications

Emergency kit suggestions

You know best what you will need

- Neighborhood map with local resources
- Battery-powered or hand crank NOAA Weather Radio
- Portable generator
- Method for cooking food without electricity
- Surge protectors for appliances and devices
- Consider keeping cash on hand in case
ATM and credit cards cannot be used
- Flashlight, extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, hand sanitizer
- Cell phone with backup powerpack
- Medicine, medical equipment
- Important documents
- 1 gallon per person per day of water
- A week of non-perishable food
- Pet supplies



Start here

Get Prepared

HAVE A PLAN

What will you do?

MAKE A KIT

What do you need?

STAY IN-FORMED

What is your plan for getting information?

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Share plans and resources

For more information visit

- Ready.gov
- CalOES.ca.gov
- Cchealth.org
- Fire.ca.gov



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