

# OEPC

THE OAKMONT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

*Are you Ready for*

*Our Next*

*Power Outage?*

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First, a quick “pop quiz”

***“Who is the most likely first responder helping you during a power outage or disaster?”***

- Fire Department?
- Police Department?
- COPE?
- OEPC?
- OVA? ..

## The Answer

- NONE of THEM !!
- YOU ARE – whether you like it or not
- Oakmont may not see a police car or fire engine for the duration of the outage
- So...You should be prepared !!
- Preparation -- a word used often
- But certainly easier said than done.
- Perhaps this presentation can help a little..

# Power Outages - Being Prepared

- Today we are focusing on being prepared for planned or unplanned power outages. We all have our own stories about the recent outages which PG&E calls a Public Safety Power Shutoff. Parents might call it a “teachable moment”.
- But...let’s not forget the likelihood of an extended power outage if we have a major earthquake
- Short “Show and Tell” later
- Apology for the repetition ..

# Power Outages - Being Prepared

## ***Tips on what to do in advance***

- Have enough water on hand, 1 gallon per person per day
- Have enough non-perishable food & a **manual can opener**
- Anticipate weather extremes (you have no furnace or AC)
- Garage doors: practice, batteries & *their limitations*
- Battery backup installation required as of July of this year
- A half tank of gas at all times
- Have flashlights, electric lanterns & spare batteries
- Sign up for [SoCoAlert.org](http://SoCoAlert.org) and [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com) .

# Being Prepared - Continued

## *Prepare in advance*

- Have extra medicine on hand
- Crank or battery operated radio **(KSRO 1350 & KZST 100.1)**
- Have a supply of extra cash – ATMs won't work
- Make two kinds of kits – for staying put or leaving
- Designate an out-of-area contact and a place to meet-up
- Consider a weather alert radio such as the Midland WR-120
- And....don't forget to prepare for your animal friends .

# Power Outages - Being Prepared

## ***“Possible Problems during a Power Outage***

- Buying food – cash only – gasoline impossible to buy
- No power to re-charge cell phones
- Not having enough Medications
- Opening Garage Doors
- Extremes of heat or cold
- Not enough drinking water
- Powering medical equipment. – More to come .

# Power Outages - Being Prepared

## ***What to do during an extended power outage***

- Decide – Shelter in place or go to friends / relatives
- Turn off big appliances, TVs and lights except for one
- Follow SoCoAlert and Nixle and listen to KSRO 1350
- Open fridge and freezer as little as possible
- Do NOT heat your house with stove top burners or grills
- Do NOT use candles
- Know how to create a WiFi “hot spot” on your cell phone ..



# Power Outages - Special Topics

- What are portable power stations?
- Lets talk about generators
- Can solar panels on you roof help in an outage?
- Special Batteries to power small electronics
- Solar cell phone chargers
- PG&E's medical baseline program
- Self Generation Incentive Program ..

# PG&E Web Resources

- [www.pge.com/SGIP](http://www.pge.com/SGIP)
- [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com) Search for “Medical Baseline”
- [www.safetyactioncenter.pge.com](http://www.safetyactioncenter.pge.com) PG&E Alerts
- [www.pge.com/weather](http://www.pge.com/weather) Weather Conditions
- [PG&E Map 9-21-2019.pdf](#) (not an Internet link)
- <https://marketplace.pge.com/portable-power-stations/> shop PPSs
- [http://prepareforpowerdown.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Backup\\_Generator\\_FactSheet\\_0625\\_2.pdf](http://prepareforpowerdown.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Backup_Generator_FactSheet_0625_2.pdf)  
Generator info and cautions
- [https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/preparedness-kit/emergency-preparedness-kit.page](https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/preparedness-kit/emergency-preparedness-kit.page)  
Suggestions for power outage preparation kit



# Show and Tell


- Small battery packs and cellphone solar chargers
- Lanterns, flashlights and extra batteries
- Head lamps are very convenient
- Thermal ware or sturdy sleeping bags
- Small 12 volt refrigerated cooler for cars, ideal for insulin
- Weather alert radio (They do eat batteries)
- Portable Power Station w/ Solar Panel recharger
- **Generator** (generally the cheaper they are the more noisy they are) ..

## A Truism from past Disasters

- The disaster that you anticipate and prepare for will almost always be different from the one you actually experience. You can never predict exactly what you will encounter, how you will handle it and what impact it will have on you.

## *One last Question*

- Could you survive in your home, for up to a week, without power, perhaps even without gas or water? If your answer is “no”, you are not adequately prepared.



Q & A