



## Prepare for a PSPS

### Public Safety Power Shutoff

Plan, in advance, to be without electricity. A PSPS could mean that you might be without power for several days. Preparing in advance can reduce the stress and anxiety of a PSPS. Stock supplies for a week – include flashlights, first aid supplies, food, water, and cash.

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### Food

- Make your own ice ahead of time. Freeze containers of water to keep food cold while power is off.
- Before the outage begins, set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings until power is restored.
- Use coolers to keep food cold while power is off.
- Limit opening refrigerator and freezer doors. When power is off, food can be kept cold for up to four hours in refrigerators and up to 48 hours in freezers.
- Buy shelf stable foods.

### Technology

- Have a backup key to replace electronic keys and locks (which need power to operate).
- Turn off/unplug electrical appliances or equipment, like T.V.s and computers, that may spark or surge when power returns.
- Buy a battery-powered or crank radio.
- Download or print documents you may need.
- Locate free wi-fi locations in nearby areas.
- Invest in portable mobile and laptop battery chargers.
- Charge cell phones and backup chargers in advance.
- Stock up on batteries for items you rely on.
- Have flashlights available for your household.

## Home

- Consider purchasing battery-powered LED lights or solar lanterns.
- Consider any needs for pets.
- Keep cash on hand and fill up gas tanks. Local ATMs and gas stations may close during an outage.
- Leave a light on to alert you when power returns.
- Keep flashlights in reach.
- Practice opening garage doors manually.
- Make sure your Electric Vehicle's battery is fully charged.

## Safety

- Find space outside to use generators, camp stoves and charcoal grills.
- Keep emergency numbers handy.
- Check on neighbors.
- Make sure backup power and generators are working properly.

## Health

- Stock up on first aid supplies.
- Stock prescription and non-prescription medications.
- Plan for medications that require refrigeration or devices that need power.
- Charge medical devices fully. Consider backup power if you rely on power for your device(s).