

# THE POWER OF BEING PREPARED

## PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF



**HIGH WINDS**  
(including Red  
Flag warnings)



**LOW  
HUMIDITY**



**DRY  
VEGETATION**  
that could serve  
as fuel



**FIRE  
THREAT**  
to electric  
infrastructure



**ON-THE-  
GROUND  
OBSERVATIONS**



**PUBLIC  
SAFETY  
RISK**

## The threats of wildfire and extreme weather in California are real

As a result, Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC) is coordinating to prepare our members for the threat of wildfires and power outages during times of extreme weather. To help protect our members and our community during extreme weather events, electric power may be shut off for public safety in an effort to prevent a wildfire. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).

While PSPS events are likely to occur in high-fire risk areas, all of our membership could be impacted by emergency events and need to be prepared with a plan.

Additionally, members should update their contact information with AEC to ensure that notifications are received. Below are specific steps you and your family can take to be ready, should there be an extended power outage that lasts multiple days.

## What you can expect

If a PSPS is needed due to extreme conditions, you can expect:

- **Early Warning Notification** – AEC will aim to send member alerts prior to shutting off power
- **Ongoing Updates** – AEC will provide ongoing updates through member messaging, social media, and our website
- **Safety Inspections** – After extreme weather has passed, AEC will inspect lines in affected areas before power is safely restored.
- **Power Restoration** – Power outages could last multiple days depending on the severity of weather and other factors. It is important that you and your family have an emergency preparedness plan in place.

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### Stay Safe. Be Prepared

Create your emergency plan today by following the tips listed below:

- Update your contact information with AEC
- Identify backup charging methods for phones and keep hard copies of emergency numbers
- Plan for any medical needs like medications that need to be refrigerated or devices that require power
- Plan for the needs of pets and livestock
- Build or restock your emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash
- Designate an emergency meeting location
- Know how to manually open your garage door and electric gate
- Ensure backup generators are ready to use to safely operate
- Identify the unique needs of your family and loved ones for your emergency plan



### Additional Preparedness Resources:

- **Ready.gov** – disaster preparedness from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- **RivCoready.org** – County of Riverside’s Emergency Management Department disaster preparedness website
- **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

