PREPARING FOR A POWER OUTAGE

What should you be doing?

Loss of power may last hours or days

BEFORE

Register to receive emergency alerts from the Community Warning System at 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

Know how to use the manual release on your garage door

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

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
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
- CO2 detector
- 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

HAVE A PLAN
What will you do?

MAKE A KIT
What do you need?

STAY INFORMED
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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