



Public Safety Power Shutoffs in Stanislaus County

Wildfires are a real and growing threat in many areas of California. Energy companies may temporarily turn power off to fire prone areas during extreme weather as a safety precaution. This is known as a *Public Safety Power Shutoff*. While Public Safety Power Shutoffs are more likely to occur in high fire-risk areas, all Californians could be impacted by emergency events. Stanislaus County residents need to be prepared.

The first step is to identify who provides power in your area. You may be covered by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Modesto Irrigation District (MID) or Turlock Irrigation District (TID) if you live in Stanislaus County. Therefore, the county encourages residents to direct questions to their provider to find out more about plans and specific instructions for residents, including how the energy company will warn you in case of a shutoff in your area. Here are some additional details from our local energy companies.

PG&E

What to Expect

The decision and action to turn off power is made by each energy company and is based on a combination of factors. These include high winds (including Red Flag Warnings declared by the National Weather Service), low humidity, dry vegetation and conditions on the ground. Power outages could last multiple days, depending on the severity of weather conditions and other factors, so it is important for everyone to have an emergency plan in place.

Energy companies will aim to send early warning notifications via phone calls, text alerts, emails and other means before turning off power. PG&E is working with customers to ensure they have updated contact information on file to reach customers before, during, and after a Public Safety Power Shutoff. You may also find information on their website and social media channels as well as local news and radio outlets.

Community Wildfire Safety Program

PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program (CWSP) is designed to reduce the risk of wildfires across its service area. The devastating 2017 and 2018 wildfires have made it overwhelmingly clear that more must be done to adapt and address the threat of wildfires and extreme weather with greater urgency. PG&E's CWSP includes real-time

monitoring and intelligence capabilities, new and enhanced safety measures and hardening our electric system. For more information about the CWSP and a link to the California Public Utilities Commission High Fire Threat Map visit www.pge.com/wildfiresafety.

Safety Tips

Here are some steps to help you prepare for extreme weather and Public Safety Power Shutoff events:

- **Update contact information** with PG&E by visiting www.pge.com/wildfiresafety
- **Sign up** for important outage alerts at pge.com/mywildfirealerts
- **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 emergency kits** with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash
- **Designate an emergency meeting location**
- **Know how to manually open garage doors**
- **Ensure any backup generators are ready to safely operate**
- **Identify the unique needs of your family and loved ones in the area for your emergency plan**

For more information on wildfire season preparation and Public Safety Power Shutoffs, visit prepareforpowerdown.com

MID

Modesto Irrigation District's electric system operates separately from PG&E's, so any PG&E power outage – including a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff – most likely won't directly affect MID customers. While a small portion of MID's service territory (Ripon, Riverbank, Escalon, Oakdale, Mountain House) overlaps or closely borders PG&E's, MID's infrastructure isn't located within high fire threat areas.

While MID doesn't anticipate preemptive power shutoffs to customers due to local wildfire-related issues, California wildfires could possibly cause regional or statewide power supply constraints that would affect MID's ability to serve their customers. Public safety is always a priority. In a rare event that MID is forced to conduct weather or wildfire issue-related power shutoffs, they will alert their customers via MID's web site, social media channels, news media and their community partners.

TID

Turlock Irrigation District continually monitors, revises and expands their wildfire safety efforts throughout their service territory and beyond. The majority of their service area

is not designated as a high fire threat area, nor is it likely to present the combination of criteria that may necessitate the use of Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Even the District operations in the eastern and western areas of their service territory that are in High Fire Threat areas, are not anticipated to require the use of PSPS.

While the risk of wildfires is low in the TID service area, a public safety power shutoff could impact local communities just outside the TID service area. Even if the power is shutoff to a nearby city outside the TID service area, this is not likely to affect the distribution of power within the TID service area. TID controls both the transmission and distribution on the lines within our District. As a Balancing Authority, the district has put in place the resources and internal generation capabilities to reliably provide power under many circumstances.

Questions?

PG&E: 1-877-295-4949, or email wildfiresafety@pge.com with questions.

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TID: 209-883-8222 or email info@tid.org. www.tid.org/wildfire