

**Bulletin Title: Preparation is Power: PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)**

**Subtitle:** June Marks the Start of PSPS Season, Are You Prepared?



### What is PSPS?

Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) occur in response to severe weather conditions. During a PSPS, power is turned off by PG&E to help prevent wildfires and keep communities safe—these are planned events.

June marks the beginning of wildfire season and can run through late October or November in Northern California.

A power shutoff may:

- Cause food spoilage and contamination of water.
- Prevent the use of medical devices.
- Disrupt operations and delivery of services at Alameda County Social Services Agency’s (SSA) offices.

### PG&E’s Role

- **Forecasts** for severe weather conditions before power shut off.
- **Notifications** informing customers of potential power shut off to prevent wildfires.
- **Updates** of power restoration.

### SSA’s Role

The SSA Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (DPEM) monitors planned PG&E outages and coordinates needed mass care and shelter services with partners. Examples include supporting with emergency food and water distribution sites and family resource centers.

#### SSA

- Ensures older adults and individuals with disabilities are safe and have access to needed resources/medical devices during a power shutoff.
- Alerts managers immediately when outages occur in our facilities. Management will provide guidance if staff need to remain on standby or temporarily report to another site.

## PSPS AWARENESS & RESOURCES

### SSA BULLETIN

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#### Learn more at:

- [Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management \(DPEM\)](#)
- [PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff](#)
- [Preparation is Power Flyer](#)

#### Questions?

Contact Office of DPEM at [SSADPEM@acgov.org](mailto:SSADPEM@acgov.org)

Take care and stay safe!

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