Prepare for Possible Power Shutoff

Here are 8 things you can do ahead of time to get ready for the potential loss of power:

- 1. If you have lifesaving medical equipment:
 - a. Verify PG&E has you registered with their <u>Medical Baseline</u> <u>Allowance</u> program,
 - b. Plan to have back-up power sources for all critical medical needs (including refrigerated lifesaving medications), and
 - c. Have pre-established connections with nearby family or neighbors to assist if needed.
 - d. Talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and refrigerated medicines.
- 2. Have a back-up charging system for cell phones and keep devices fully charged at all times. Keep them on and with you during Red Flag Warnings.
- 3. Consider alternate power generation choices for your home or critical business systems. Be sure to follow all safety instructions for stand-alone power generators. See Portable Generator Safety Tips for more information.
- 4. Keep vehicle gas tanks full (gas pumps may be without power) and electric vehicles fully charged.
- 5. Identify a place you can go to cool off, if necessary.
- 6. Keep some cash on hand (credit/debit stations and ATMs may be without power).
- 7. Check and update your emergency kit and supplies (include hard copies of critical information and life-saving prescriptions). Review the <u>supplies that are needed</u> in case of a power outage including flashlights, extra batteries food and water for every household member.
- 8. Learn more about PG&E <u>Power Shutoffs</u> in your area and work with your neighbors to make sure everyone is safe and ready.

While the County of Sonoma will not issue an evacuation notice for a power shutoff, the weather forecast includes high fire danger. Sign up to receive lifesafety alerts and evacuation notices at SoCoAlert.com (or call 866 939-0911) and life-safety alerts from local law and fire agencies at Nixle.com (or text your ZIP Code to 888777). Make sure PG&E has your current contact information. Update your contact information with PG&E online or call (866) 743-6589.

Learn More:

https://socoemergency.org/get-ready/local-hazards/power-shutoffs/

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