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PG&E Announces Possible Public Safety Power Shutoff Affecting Piedmont

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has announced that they may conduct a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) which could include a majority of Piedmont as early as Saturday afternoon, October 26th. The City urges all residents to be prepared in case their power goes out. This means that electricity to all residences, businesses, schools, mobile phone towers, and public facilities in the affected area may be turned off. This is the second in a series of Public Safety Power Shutoffs to be implemented this week and the second time in two weeks that Piedmont is slated to be affected by a PSPS.

PG&E proactively turns off lines in the interest of safety to help reduce the likelihood of an ignition when extreme fire danger conditions are forecasted. PSPS can accompany fire weather, so we encourage all residents to be prepared for wildfires and possible power outages.

To be ready for a Public Safety Power Shutoff event, please take the following steps.

1. **Make sure PG&E has your current contact information.** Update your **contact information** with PG&E [online](#) or call (866) 743-6589.
2. Check and **update your [emergency kit](#)** and supplies (include hard copies of critical information and life-saving prescriptions).
3. **Identify a place you can go to cool off**, if necessary
4. **Have a back-up charging system** for cell phones and keep devices fully charged at all times.
5. **Learn how to manually** open your garage door.
6. **Keep cash on hand** (credit/debit stations, and ATMs may be without power).
7. **Learn more about [Public Safety Power Shutoffs](#)** in your area and work with your neighbors to make sure everyone is ready.
8. **[Stay informed](#)** during disasters and **sign up for alerts**.

PG&E will attempt to reach customers through calls, texts and emails using the contact information they have on file for your account. PG&E will also use their web site and social media channels, and we will keep local news and radio outlets informed and updated.

Residents and businesses who are enrolled in East Bay Community Energy will be affected by these Public Safety Power Shutoffs.

The City of Piedmont has plans in place to ensure that emergency services are maintained during a Public Safety Power Shutoff, but affected residents will need to be self-reliant for a period of time. For more information on how to be prepared for emergencies, please see the Public Safety Committee's [Get Ready, Piedmont](#) brochure.

During a Public Safety Power Shutoff, please call 911 for emergencies only! We expect our emergency dispatchers to be busy answering phone calls, but they will not know when your

power will be turned back on. The City of Piedmont has implemented plans to ensure that emergency services are maintained. As soon as we have information as to when power will be restored, we will post the information on the City website and our social media sites.