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## **PG&E Reduces Scope of 10/25 Public Safety Power Shutoff in Piedmont High Fire Danger Remains**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has reduced the number of homes in Piedmont which are slated to be affected by the Public Safety Power Shutoff scheduled to begin on Sunday evening, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The PSPS will be focused on the eastern portion of Piedmont. Residents can look their address up on [PG&E's web site](#) to see whether they are slated to be affected by the planned outage.

**Extreme fire danger remains for the entire City.** The National Weather Service has predicted sustained winds of 25-40 MPH and gusts to 60MPH for the hills. These high winds, combined with predicted low humidity are causing the extreme fire danger. **All Piedmonters are advised to be prepared for wildfire and power outages during this wind event.**

The East Bay hills will be under a **Red Flag Warning** issued by the National Weather Service from 11:00 a.m. Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> through 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>. During this time of high fire danger:

- Do not use power tools such as mowers and weed trimmers in a way that can easily ignite dried vegetation. Have a fire extinguisher nearby if you must use these tools.
- Ensure clear access for Fire Engine on your street and driveway. Fire engines need at least 12 feet of clearance and more on tight turns.
- Do not use outdoor flames of any kind, including barbeques.

Piedmonters are urged to be [Ready for Wildfire](#) and prepare themselves for wildfire. Community members can

- [Get Ready](#) by creating defensible space around their home, hardening their homes against fire, and by installing fire resistant landscaping.
- [Get Set](#) by creating a wildfire action plan and preparing family emergency kits
- [Be Ready to GO!](#) if an evacuation is ordered.

The Piedmont Fire Department is adding additional staffing due to this predicted wind event. Additional information on how to be prepared for emergencies can be found in the Public Safety Committee's [Get Ready, Piedmont](#) brochure.

During a Public Safety Power Shutoff, please call 911 to report any emergencies which occur. Please hold non-emergency calls until after the PSPS event has concluded. Residents can call [Alameda County 211](#) for resource referrals.