



# Prepare for a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) in Lompoc

## What is a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)?

During extremely hot, dry and/or windy weather conditions, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) may need to turn off power to prevent wildfires. PSPS will occur if extreme fire danger conditions threaten a portion of the electric system. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS or “de-energization”).

## What does this mean for City of Lompoc residents?

Because Lompoc Electric uses PG&E transmission lines, PG&E can shut off power to the transmission lines feeding Lompoc, even if a fire is not in the area. All customers will be without power. Please note the City has no control over PG&E’s PSPS events. Lompoc Electric urges its customers to be fully prepared to respond to a PSPS. Unfortunately, Lompoc Electric will be unable to provide assistance to customers during a PSPS event. For more information about PSPS events, please visit: [www.cityoflompop.com/government/departments/utilities/electric](http://www.cityoflompop.com/government/departments/utilities/electric) and [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com).

## How long is a PSPS outage expected to last?

A PSPS outage will last as long as the extreme weather conditions exist that increase the risk of wildfire, plus the amount of time it takes for power company workers to inspect and repair their equipment in affected areas. It is important that you and your family are prepared for a power outage lasting 3-5 days. Power outages can make it difficult for people to meet basic needs. Extended power outages have the potential to:

- Disrupt internet, cable phone and cellular phone service
- Close retail businesses, grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies, ATMs, and banks
- Cause food spoilage and water contamination
- Prevent the use of elevators, and electric garage doors, gates and doors
- Prevent or affect the use of medical devices such as oxygen concentrators
- Disrupt water, air conditioning and transportation

## What should I do to prepare for a PSPS event?

- Register for **Aware & Prepare emergency alerts** at [www.ReadySBC.org](http://www.ReadySBC.org) or text your zip code to 888777 for Nixle notifications.
- Visit [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com) for information about PG&E’s PSPS program, PSPS updates, and how to prepare for an event.
- Visit [www.cityoflompop.com/government/departments/utilities/electric](http://www.cityoflompop.com/government/departments/utilities/electric) for information about PSPS events.
- Plan for your medical needs** including back-up power for electric medical devices and refrigerated medications, extra critical medications and copies of prescriptions. Plan for the needs of your pets.
- If you have an electric garage door, know how to manually open and close the door.
- If you own a generator, **ensure it is ready to safely operate.** Purchase a carbon monoxide detector to prevent unsafe exposure.
- Purchase back-up chargers for cell phones** and keep your car gas tank full. Cellular phones will work only as long as they are charged and as long as cell towers have power.
- Purchase a hand crank or solar-powered radio** to help you stay informed. For a list of radio stations broadcasting during emergencies go to <https://ReadySBC.org/storm-ready/radio-ready>.
- Prepare or restock your emergency kit** with flashlights, batteries, first aid supplies, non-perishable food, important documents, and cash. Do not use candles as they increase the risk of fire.

## What should I do during a PSPS event?

- ✓ Keep freezers and refrigerators closed.
- ✓ Unplug or turn off electric appliances to avoid overloading circuits and prevent fire hazards when power is restored.
- ✓ If a fire or other emergency occurs in your area, or if you feel that you are in danger, evacuate. Do not rely on emergency alerts to tell you when to evacuate. Emergency alerts may not work when the power is out.
- ✓ Talk to your neighbors. Check on elderly neighbors who may be especially vulnerable to extreme temperatures.
- ✓ Help keep emergency lines open. Only call 9-1-1 if you are experiencing an emergency.

Additional preparedness tips and PSPS outage information are available at:

[www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com)



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