SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON IS PLANNING PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS

Here in Ventura County, wildfires pose a significant threat, especially during extreme weather conditions. Southern California Edison (SCE) is implementing a Public Safety Power Shutoff program to reduce the risk of wildfires by turning off electricity in certain high-risk conditions.

WHEN WILL OUTAGES HAPPEN?

In the event of heightened wildfire risk, SCE will carefully evaluate local conditions to determine whether to shut off power in your area. **Conditions that may require a power shutoff include:**

- High winds
- Hot weather
- Low humidity
- Dry vegetation
- Threats to electrical infrastructure
- Other fire hazards

If SCE chooses to shut off power, the outage **could last multiple days**, depending on the severity of the situation.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT VENTURA COUNTY RESIDENTS?

Losing power disrupts business operations, causes food spoilage, water contamination and renders electric-dependent technologies such as air conditioners, ATMs, security systems, garage doors and elevators unusable. To keep yourself and your loved ones safe, healthy and well-prepared, it is important to plan ahead for power loss and make sure you **know what to do during an outage**.

Learn more from Southern California Edison at: [sce.com/psp](http://sce.com/psp)

For emergency information during active incidents in Ventura County, visit [vcemergency.com](http://vcemergency.com)
BE PREPARED FOR POWER LOSS

BEFORE AN OUTAGE

Register to receive advance warnings and PSPS alerts from Southern California Edison at SCE.com.

Sign up for Ventura County emergency alerts at VCAalert.org or by texting “VCALET” to 313131.

Develop an emergency plan and build a supply kit with a radio, food, water, flashlights, batteries, first-aid supplies and cash.

Prepare for all medical needs, including alternative ways to power devices that require electricity or store medications that need to be refrigerated.

Keep your gas tank at least half full at all times. Gas station pumps do not work during power outages.

Identify backup charging methods for phones and keep hard copies of important numbers.

DURING AN OUTAGE

Pay attention to food safety. Without power, refrigerators remain cold for about four (4) hours, while freezers maintain their temperature for about 48 hours. Discard any perishable food items that have been exposed to temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for two (2) hours or more.

Turn off or disconnect electronics to prevent damage if the power suddenly returns in a “surge” or “spike.”

If using generators, camp stoves or charcoal grills, be sure to operate them outside, at least 20 feet from the nearest window to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

In the event of high temperatures, keep an eye on children, older adults and pets, who may be more vulnerable to extreme heat.

Be cautious when driving. If the traffic lights are out at an intersection, treat it as though it has four-way stop signs.