



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/psps



For emergency information during active incidents in Ventura County, visit 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](https://www.sce.com)**.



Sign up for **Ventura County emergency alerts** at [VCAAlert.org](https://www.vcalert.org) or by texting “VCAAlert” 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

