

Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)



Coastside County Water District

What you need to know to be ready for emergency power outages during wildfire season.

During the wildfire season, PG&E may make the decision to turn off electricity due to extreme conditions to prevent starting a fire. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff or PSPS. PG&E will alert the general public along with public agencies that extreme fire conditions exist in the region and it is possible that within the next 24 to 48 hours that power will be turned off for the region.

Extreme Fire Danger Conditions

- Red Flag Warnings
- Low Humidity
- Dry Conditions
- High Winds and Wind Gusts
- High Fuel Loads (dry vegetation)



Coastside County Water District (District) relies on power from PG&E to operate water treatment plants, pump stations and other facilities. In a power outage, the District will utilize back-up generators to keep treatment facilities and pump stations operating. The District will continue water delivery and maintain storage for firefighting.

What the District is Doing to Prepare for Public Safety Power Shutoffs

- ⊗ Working with PG&E to streamline notifications, so we can prepare.
- ⊗ Installing more permanent generators at key facilities.
- ⊗ Stationing temporary generators, until permanent ones can be installed.
- ⊗ Filling storage tanks to capacity, once notified of the PSPS.
- ⊗ Monitoring the weather closely to help with preparations.

What can you do?

1. Minimize your total water usage during a power outage to leave as much water in the storage tanks as possible for firefighting.
2. Shut off irrigation.
3. Reduce indoor water use.

Keep Your Account Information Current

Having accurate emails and phone numbers for all of our customers is critical during emergencies. We will contact customers to let them know of emergency conditions and actions that we are requesting. Please contact the District to update your information or verify that we have the correct information.

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Visit the District's website to learn more about emergency preparedness.

<http://www.coastsidewater.org/emergency-preparedness.html>

Keep an Emergency Water Supply for a Minimum of 3 days

Store a minimum of one gallon of water per day per person. Don't forget to store enough water for your pets too!

Is there a well on your property?



If you are not on the public water system and you rely on a well or surface water for your drinking water, you will need to consider installing a generator.

The generator would provide the power needed to pump your water into your home, while the power is off.



Red Flag Warning