



Joint News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject : Power Safety Shut-offs, Humboldt County

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Humboldt Bay Fire and the Eureka Police department are preparing for the potential shutdown of PG&E power to areas of Humboldt County within the next 24 hours.

In the event that an outage occurs, we may be without power for up to 5 days. Here are some tips to get ready:

- Fill your gas tanks
- Have emergency cash available
- Stock up on medications
- Have a light source on hand, preferably battery-operated
- Keep extra batteries on hand
- Charge up all your devices and backup power sources
- Gather a stock of non-perishable food and water

Humboldt Bay Fire has some important reminders for if the Shutoff Occurs:

- High winds may make operation of vehicles difficult; be cautious on the road.
- Watch out for down power lines. Do not attempt to approach a down power line. Notify your local emergency services if you locate a downed line.
- If you are using a generator, use only outdoors.
- Only fuel emergency generators when they are cool to avoid fuel fires.
- Ensure your Carbon Monoxide detector is working properly and have backup

- batteries for smoke alarms and detectors.
- Maintain a 3-foot separation between things that can burn and heating equipment.
 - When using a fuel burning appliance, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent a buildup of carbon monoxide.
 - For heaters, Use ONLY the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. Refueling should be done outside of the home. NEVER fill the heater while it is operating or hot.
 - Never use fuel-powered heaters or appliances indoors, or for purposes other than designed.
 - If you use a chimney or a wood stove, make sure it is prepared for burning, the flue is open, and it is clean.
 - Never leave candles unattended; use battery-operated light sources whenever possible.

Eureka Police Department has some important reminders for if the Shutoff Occurs:

- Treat any flashing traffic signals or traffic signals without power as a four-way stop
- Be extra cautious and aware while driving
- Stop at all intersections, even if you think you have the right-of-way
- As always, lock all your doors and windows, as well as your vehicles.
- Know how to manually open your garage door
- Additional officers will be on duty patrolling the City during this time

As a reminder, please only call 9-1-1 in the event of a true emergency.

Humboldt Bay Fire and Eureka Police Department will continue to supply information via their social media pages as it becomes available.

For the most up-to-date information on the outage, please seek information from these sources:

Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services:

@HumboldtCountyOES on Facebook

<https://humboldt.gov/>

Humboldt Bay Fire:

@humboldtbayfire on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

Hbfire.org

Eureka Police Department:

@eurekapd on Facebook

@eureka_police on Twitter

Eurekapd.net

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