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**California Utilities Expand ‘Prepare for Power Down’ Website to Help Californians Access Resources and Be Ready for Public Safety Power Shutoffs**

*Online* *hub helps Californians access PSPS preparedness tools and support provided by their utilities to stay safe during potential wildfire safety outages.*

**[CITY], Calif., Aug. XX, 2024 ―** California’s investor-owned utilities, the [California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection](https://www.fire.ca.gov/) (CalFire), and the [California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/) (CalOES) today announced the launch of the redesigned Prepare for Power Down website, a comprehensive platform to help California residents and visitors in areas of high fire risk prepare for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) outages and access the local utility support they may need to be safe.

[PrepareforPowerDown.com](http://PrepareforPowerDown.com) guides Californians residing in high fire-risk areas to programs and community resources that can help them stay safe before, during and after a PSPS outage, and includes information about resources and support for individuals who rely on electricity for their health, safety or independence. Website visitors can enter their zip code to find their local utility, explore backup power options, determine if they live in a High Fire Threat District, sign up for outage alerts and access other important tools and resources. The site also offers emergency checklists, safety tips, how-to videos and helpful resources for community organizations to share with their constituents.

The website provides information about the Medical Baseline Allowance Program for those who rely on power for their medical devices. This information includes eligibility requirements and a step-by-step application guide. Prepare for Power Down also provides a list of battery and generator programs offered by PG&E, SCE and SDG&E for those who qualify. Information about local support networks that connect callers experiencing a PSPS outage with services in their area – including food banks, accessible transportation, and hotels – is also provided.

The state’s three largest investor-owned utilities came together to create the Prepare for Power Down website in collaboration with CalFire and CalOES. The statewide effort is aimed at offering outage preparedness support for all California residents and visitors, no matter where they live or who provides their power.

"We are excited to announce the launch of the redesigned Prepare for Power Down website,” said [NAME], [TITLE], at CalOES, “This website is an important tool for Californians to ensure they are prepared for a Public Safety Power Shutoff and can be self-resilient without electricity.”

“Prepare for Power Down is an excellent way for Californians to prepare for wildfire season. By taking steps to make a plan and access resources now, individuals who rely on power can be ready for Public Safety Power Shutoffs this fall.” shared [NAME], [TITLE] of CalFire.

**About Prepare for Power Down**

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