PREPARING FOR A PG&E POWER SHUTOFF

Electricity plays an important role in your water service. We rely on electricity to power treatment plants and pump stations that treat and deliver water to our customers’ taps.

Marin Water has planned and prepared for PG&E’s Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) so that we can keep your water flowing even when the power goes out. We have backup generators at our treatment plants and a fleet of portable generators ready to deploy to pump stations as needed. Our team is trained and ready to handle lengthy power outages and other emergency conditions.

WE ARE PREPARED

We are ready. Here are some of the things we have done to ensure your water continues to flow even during a power shutoff:

- Prepared a fleet of portable generators to be deployed to pump stations throughout Marin as needed
- Prepared emergency staffing plans to make critical repairs and maintain equipment 24/7
- Installed solar panels and battery units to provide standby power to critical control valves
- Installed backup generators at our treatment plants so we can continue to provide you with high-quality water
- Arranged for fuel and other supplies in advance to carry us through lengthy power shutoffs
- Managed vegetation near our facilities to reduce fire risk

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

What you do matters. Conserving water during a power shutoff eases the demand on backup generators and it makes a big difference. Together, we can power through these PG&E PSPS events. Here are some tips on what to do before, during and after a PG&E power shutoff.

Before
- Store at least a three-day emergency supply of water of two gallons per person, per day. Include extra water for those with special needs and for pets.
- Clear your property of excess vegetation to reduce fire risk.
- If you have a backup generator, test it to ensure it is ready to operate safely.

During
- Turn off your irrigation system and restrict your water consumption to indoor usage only.
- Conserving water during a PSPS ensures we have an adequate supply of water for firefighting and other essential needs.

After
- When the power is back on, remember to reset your sprinkler system to avoid overwatering.
- Restock your supply as needed to prepare for future power shutoffs.

MarinWater.org To learn more about how Marin Water is preparing for PG&E’s power shutoffs, please visit MarinWater.org/BePrepared, call 415.945.1438, or email info@MarinWater.org.