

POWER OUTAGE PREPAREDNESS MEDICAL DEVICES



During a Public Safety Power Shutoff, ALL customers serviced by an affected power line will have their power shut off. Those who are dependent on electric or battery-operated medical technologies need to have a plan in place for extended power outages.

MAKE A PLAN

- Identify an alternate location you can go such as a friend or family member's home that may be outside of the affected area.
- Consider a safe back-up power source such as a generator or uninterruptible power supply.
- Establish multiple people you can contact for help who know how to operate your equipment and back up systems.

IF YOU HAVE A LIFE SUPPORT DEVICE

- If you are able, obtain a back-up generator to power your device.
- Ventilator users should keep a resuscitation bag handy. The bag delivers air through a mask when squeezed.
- If you receive dialysis or other medical treatments, ask your provider for the plan in an emergency and where you should go if your regular clinic is affected by the outage.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- San Luis Obispo County Public Health Emergency Preparedness (805) 781-5500 www.slocounty.ca.gov
- For general preparedness resources visit www.ReadySLO.org or call the Office of Emergency Services at (805) 781-5011.

IF YOU RELY ON OXYGEN

- Check with your healthcare provider to see if you can use a reduced flow rate in an emergency to extend the life of the system.
- Label your equipment with the reduced flow numbers so you can easily refer to them.
- Always use battery powered flashlights or lanterns when oxygen is in use to reduce fire risk.

FAST TIPS

- Residential customers who have special energy needs due to qualifying medical conditions should sign up for the **Medical Baseline Program** through PG&E. This program can help by providing extra notifications in advance of a Public Safety Power Shutoff.
- You can find out more information about the Medical Baseline Program by calling 1-800-743-5000 or visiting www.pge.com

