

To All Contra Costa County Employees:

Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) will affect thousands of customers in surrounding counties, including Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa and San Mateo

Contra Costa County PSPS Impacts

Based on updated but dynamic information provided by PG&E this afternoon, PG&E has made the decision to turn off power to customers in Contra Costa County for safety beginning as early as 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, October 9. The outage is projected to last approximately 36 hours, but could last for multiple days. PGE has stated, they will work to restore power as soon as it is safe to do so. Maps of impacted areas are available at pge.com/pspsseventmaps. Our [Contra Costa County website](#) is also providing current information as it becomes available.

At this time, PGE has indicated that it plans to implement a PSPS in the following cities:

San Ramon, Orinda, Lafayette, Moraga, Pinole, Richmond, Kensington, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Berkeley, Canyon, San Pablo, Pittsburg, Rodeo, Concord, Albany, Antioch, Martinez

In the event of a public safety event, ***Contra Costa County remains open for business***. The public depends on critical County operations to run as smoothly as possible especially in the most challenging circumstances. Employees are expected to come to work as scheduled and ready to give their best, as they do every day.

At this time, public transportation is not expected to be affected. However, in the event that BART or other public transportation options are delayed or disabled, please be sure to develop an alternative back-up plan for safe, on-time arrival to work if possible.

We know many of you live in surrounding areas that could be affected. A PSPS outage in your hometown could impact your commute to work and/or result in other family considerations (e.g. closure of centers, schools or facilities that provide care/services to other family members). **Your individual health and safety are primary.**

If you are not able to safely report for your work shift, please follow your department's absence reporting protocol and communicate directly with your Supervisor - preferably in advance of the start of your shift - and request to use accrued paid time off (i.e. vacation, compensatory time off, personal leave, professional leave, floating holidays, banked legal holiday, management leave).

If you are unable to come to work due to an illness, you may use sick leave.

Employees who were previously scheduled for time off such as, vacation, jury duty, or sick leave are not affected and should use the appropriate leave as scheduled.

Note: Some County buildings may have to close depending on the duration of the outage. If your normal workplace has been closed, please contact your supervisor to be told where to report for work.

Please coordinate with your supervisor and department head regarding any PSPS-impact issues you may experience. We want to make sure you remain safe and healthy during any potential PSPS outage while also ensuring we do not disrupt the essential services on which our community relies.

PREPARATION AT HOME

As always, we encourage everyone to sign up for alerts and take normal precautions related to fire preparedness and power shut-offs. For tips on preparing at home, resources are available at <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/5435/Public-Safety-Emergency-Info> At minimum, to prepare for a PSPS outage at home:

- Charge your cell phone, laptop, and other devices
- Fuel or charge your personal vehicle
- Have extra cash, medications, some water and non-perishable food on hand, and
- [Have a disaster go-bag, plan, and grab-and-go list](#)