

Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) is a practice where we may proactively shut off power in high fire risk areas to reduce the chances of fire during extreme and potentially dangerous fire conditions. Extreme fire conditions are conditions in which a fire (if ignited) would grow rapidly, burn intensely, and/or erratically. These conditions would include critical weather conditions such as low relative humidity, strong winds, and hot temperatures in combination with dry fuels.

To be sure, turning off the power to our customers is not something we take lightly. Our commitment to deliver reliable electric service is something we take seriously. A PSPS event is the option of last resort in a line of things we do to mitigate fire risk. This practice is aimed at keeping the public, our customers and our employees safe. **Nothing is more important.**

We consider many things before deciding to turn off power. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- **National Weather Service Red Flag Warnings\*** for counties that contain SCE circuits in high fire risk areas
- **Ongoing monitoring** from our in-house meteorologists; using our weather stations and forecasts, they will take into account conditions such as wind speed, humidity and temperature
- **Real-time information** about what's happening in and around high fire risk areas
- **Input from our Fire Management experts** in close coordination with fire agencies
- **Awareness** of mandatory or voluntary evacuation orders in place
- **Expected impact** of de-energizing circuits on essential services such as public safety agencies, water agencies, and traffic control
- **Other** considerations

If we decide it is necessary to shut off power, we will try to inform customers approximately 48 hours in advance. Roughly 24 hours before power is shut off, we will try to inform customers again. Additional notifications will follow when power has been shut off, and again when it has been restored.

We recommend that customers update their contact information so they can receive these notifications. They can do so by logging onto their [sce.com](#) account and clicking on **My Account > Profile > Outage Alert Preferences**.

When planning a PSPS, our intent is to communicate and coordinate with local government agencies, first responders, and emergency management officials. However, there may be times when giving advance notice isn't possible – for instance, the rapid onset of extreme fire conditions and other circumstances beyond our control.

Once power is shut off, it will remain off as long as potentially dangerous fire conditions exist, and until we have had time to inspect and/or repair our equipment. While getting the power back on is always a priority, doing it safely outweighs all else.

Customers can find tips on handling all types of outages on [sce.com](#).

\*A Red Flag Warning is a forecast warning issued by the United States National Weather Service to inform area firefighting and land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire combustion and rapid spread.