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***Pacific Gas and
Electric Company***[®]

Public Safety Power Shutoff & Preparing For Extended Power Outages

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) has announced that, as part of its [Community Wildfire Safety Program](#), they are implementing a [Public Safety Power Shutoff](#) (PSPS) program as an additional precautionary measure to help reduce the risk of wildfires. If gusty winds and dry conditions, combined with a heightened fire risk, threaten a portion of the electric system serving our community, it may be necessary for PG&E to turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. While Public Safety Power Shutoffs are more likely to occur in high fire-risk areas, a shutoff could impact other areas as well and are likely to last multiple days. That is why it is important to prepare an emergency plan and kit in advance in the event your family is affected by a power shutoff--or any other emergency.

PG&E has stated that it intends to provide customers with 48 hours advanced notice via phone call, text, or email. However, weather conditions can change quickly, and PG&E may be unable to fully execute their noticing protocols. After the extreme weather event has passed, PG&E will conduct inspections and any necessary repairs before power can be restored. Please review PG&E's PSPS information available through the link above, and follow the tips, as well as other information and links provided below, to receive the most up to date information from PG&E. Please note that this is not a Town of Corte Madera program and this web page may not contain the most recent information.

Information about the PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program can be viewed [here](#) and the PSPS Fact Sheet (PDF) can be viewed [here](#). PG&E's PSPS Program website also contains links to emergency preparedness information and other printable resources to

help you prepare yourself, your family, friends and neighbors for potential prolonged power outages.

- [PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff Fact Sheet](#) (English)
- [PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff Fact Sheet](#) (Spanish)
- [PSPS Preparedness Brochure](#)
- [PG&E Emergency Preparedness Kit Website](#)
- PSA from CA Fire Foundation on 5-Minute Evacuation Plan ([MP3 in English](#))
- PSA from CA Fire Foundation on 5-Minute Evacuation Plan ([MP3 in Spanish](#))

Town Council Presentation: At the August 20, 2019 Town Council meeting, the Town Council received a presentation from PG&E regarding the Public Safety Power Shutoff Program and that presentation can be viewed [here](#).

When will a shutoff occur?

PG&E determines the shutoff in coordination with the National Weather Service to reduce the risk of PG&E lines starting a fire. Criteria is:

- Temperatures over 80 degrees
- Humidity less than 20% and poor overnight recovery from heat
- Winds over 25 mph

PG&E will send an email to all registered customers 48 hours before a planned shutoff and again 24 hours before shutoff. Shutoff involves turning off a transmission line. Transmission lines will shut down the area with a high fire danger and likely the surrounding communities. You may wish to consider following the company's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

Visit the [contact information page](#) on the PG&E website to verify that PG&E has your current contact information

Weather awareness

PG&E maintains a [webpage](#) that provides a 7-day forecast for potential Public Safety Power Shutoff incidents based on weather conditions. Users can find their zone and determine whether PSPS are forecast for their area.

As part of its efforts to prepare customers and communities for the growing threat of wildfire, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has launched a robust weather webpage on pge.com, providing detailed, localized forecasts. Of special note, the page offers a seven-day, look-ahead regional forecast updated daily by a PG&E meteorologist or fire scientist that indicates the potential need to call a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). PG&E monitors conditions across our system and evaluates whether to proactively turn off electric power lines, in the interest of public safety, if gusty winds and dry conditions, combined with a heightened fire risk, threaten a portion of the electric system.

That PG&E 7-Day PSPS Potential forecast will provide an instantaneous sense of what's going on and what's ahead. The forecast encompasses nine geographic regions of PG&E's service area and four levels of PSPS potential:

- Not Expected – Conditions that generally warrant a PSPS event are not expected at this time.
- Elevated – An upcoming event, typically a period of adverse weather combined with dry fuels, is being monitored for an increased potential of a PSPS event.
- PSPS Watch – PG&E's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is now activated based upon a reasonable chance of executing a PSPS to reduce public safety risk in a given geographic zone due to a combination of adverse weather and dry fuel conditions. A PSPS watch is typically only issued within 72 hours before the anticipated start of an event.
- PSPS Warning – Customers in areas being considered for a PSPS have been or are being notified. This level indicates execution of a PSPS is probable given the

latest forecast of weather and fuels and/or observed conditions. PSPS is typically executed in smaller and more targeted areas than the PG&E Geographic Zones. This level does not guarantee a PSPS execution as conditions and forecasts might change.

Preparing for a PSPS

- Make sure your [PG&E billing information](#) contains your current contact information to receive notifications.
- Plan for medical needs, like devices that use batteries/require power or medications that need to be refrigerated. Visit PG&E's [Medical Baseline Program](#) page for more information about the program, resources available, and how to apply.
- Prepare backup charging methods for phones or other devices
- Keep hard copies of emergency numbers
- Create or restock a [home emergency kit](#) that includes fresh batteries, flashlights, cash, and first aid supplies
- Know how to manually open your garage door
- Plan for the needs of your pets
- Ensure backup generators are ready and safe to use
- Sign up for emergency alert notifications: [PG&E Wildfire Alerts](#), [Alert Marin Emergency Notifications](#), [Central Marin Police Nixle Alerts](#)
- For additional wildfire and emergency preparedness tips, visit the following pages:
 - [Ready Marin](#)
 - [Central Marin Neighborhood Response Groups](#)
 - [Marin County Health and Human Services](#)
 - The Town of Corte Madera's [Disaster Preparedness Information](#) page
- PG&E has also established a [Safety Action Center](#) web page in order to provide helpful information about wildfire risks and what you can do before, during and after an emergency to keep your family safe.

Medical Baseline Customers

Through PG&E's Medical Baseline Program, customers who have special energy needs due to qualifying medical conditions can receive extra notifications in advance of a PSPS and also receive a lower rate on their monthly energy bill. To enroll in the [Medical Baseline Program](#), customers must complete an application that includes fields that must be completed by their doctor. The [application](#) is available on the PG&E website.

Visit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to learn about [Medicare coverage in disasters and emergencies](#).

Other Useful Information and Links Provided By PG&E

- Impacts and Preparedness for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) – <https://www.pge.com/wildfiresafety>
- Emergency Preparedness – <https://www.pge.com/emergencypreparedness>
- Inspecting and removing vegetation growing into or threatening electric lines – <https://www.pge.com/enhancedveg>
- Inspecting our Distribution and Transmission lines – <https://www.pge.com/wildfireinspections>
- Mapping information available to the public – <https://www.pge.com/pspsseventmaps>
- Interactive CPUC Fire-Threat Map – <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/firemap/>

What's Happening in Town



Office Closures During Labor Day

We would like to inform you that ALL Departments will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in celebration of Labor Day.

We look forward to serving you starting Tuesday, September 3rd.



Chili Cook Off and Day of Fun

Join the Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Corte Madera and the City of Larkspur on Saturday, September 7th for a day of fun at Town Park in Corte Madera.

- The Summer Concert - The Billy Martini Show is from 12:00PM to 1:30PM
- Chili Cook-Off will be held from 12:00PM to 1:30PM.

For more information, please call 415-927-5072. To view the event flyer, [please click here](#).



Emailing Town Departments, Council, Board and Commission Members

Last week we provided you with information on each of the departments in Town and we included phone numbers where you could get a hold of them. This week we are including information on the Town Council and all of the Town's Boards, Commissions and Committees including the list with their email addresses.

We hope you find this information helpful. If you have questions regarding any of this information, please do not

hesitate to contact the Administration Department at 415-927-5050.

The Corte Madera Town Council is the community's part-time legislative body consisting of five members including the Mayor, Vice Mayor and three Councilmembers. They are elected at-large on a non-partisan basis. The Corte Madera Town Council also serves as the Board of Directors for Sanitary District No. 2. To send an email to the full Town

Council, [click here](#).

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) assists the Town Council and staff of the Town in identifying issues related to bicycle, pedestrian circulation, compliance and accessibility laws and safety concerns in the Town and in exploring and building consensus for potential solutions. To send an email to the full committee, [click here](#).

The Flood Control Board was established in response to major flooding events that occurred in 1982 and 1998, and provides a forum for public input on flood control issues facing the Town. To send an email to the full board, [click here](#).

The Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory board that recommends policy and procedures for parks and recreational facilities, recreation programs, park development and park maintenance. To send an email to the full commission, [click here](#).

The Planning Commission holds public hearings and takes action on subdivisions, design reviews, conditional use permits, Zoning Administrator appeals, and items that may be forwarded to or called up by the commission. Actions by the Commission are final unless they are appealed to the Town Council. The commission reviews and makes recommendations to the Town Council on all updates or amendments to the General Plan, specific plan, and zoning ordinance. To send an email to the full commission, [click here](#).

The Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee was established in 2014 following the passage of Measure B, the half-cent sales tax measure approved by Corte Madera residents in the November 5, 2013 election. The purpose of the Committee is to review, and annually report on, the revenue and expenditure of the funds from the tax adopted by the tax measure. To send an email to the full committee, [click here](#).

If you wish to view the list with email addresses for all Town Council, Board, Commission and Committee Members, please use the following link:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3812/Council-Board-And-Commission-Town-Email-List>



**High Canal Embankment Repair Project:
PLEASE BE ADVISED OF PATHWAY
CLOSURES**

Please be advised that the Public Works Department for the Town of Corte Madera will be starting a construction project on September 3rd through early November 2019 to repair four slope failures along the High Canal drainage channel. Normal working hours for the project are

tentatively scheduled from 8am-5pm.

In general, when working in the vicinity of schools it is our goal to deliver projects while school is out of session. However, as part of the environmental compliance analysis for the project and coordination with resource permitting agencies (California Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Army Corp. of Engineers) several avoidance measures were identified that limited the construction window within the waterway to only the months of September and October.

In an effort to minimize public inconvenience, we have identified a pedestrian detour route ([click here to view it](#)) and we appreciate your cooperation through the duration of our project. At Doherty Drive and Lucky Drive, safe passage of pedestrians will be maintained at all times and construction-related deliveries will be scheduled to avoid school drop off and pick up, when possible. However, to ensure safety, it is likely that the High Canal path will be closed to the public for the duration of the project (including nights and weekends). Also, upon completion of the slope repairs the gravel and asphalt paths will be restored to pre-existing condition.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Public Works at pwcounter@tcmmail.org or 415.927.5057.



Are You Ready for Dual-Stream Recycling???

You may or may not be aware of the residential dual stream recycling collection that Mill Valley Refuse Service (MVRS) has begun to implement. Dual stream collection produces the cleanest and most marketable stream of high-quality material. It helps eliminate contamination which has become very important ever since China's

government decided to change their environmental policy regarding the types of recycling it would accept from other countries. To get more information on international policies affecting global commodity markets, [please click here](#).

Just so you have a little more background information, MVRS proposed the change to dual stream collection from single stream collection to all of the jurisdictions that are part of the franchise agreement with MVRS and each jurisdiction voted in favor of the proposal.

Now, we want you to know that we understand that dual stream recycling sounds like a big headache, so we want to help guide you in the right direction and help you understand how everything is going to work. [MVRS has mailed you a flyer](#) that looks like the one included in this post. In this flyer you will find answers to questions like "Why not pick up both streams on the same week?" or "What is the alternating week pick up schedule?" The flyer also has information regarding the courtesy notice you will be receiving if for some reason you happen to sort your recycling the wrong way in the next few weeks. We think it is super important to begin educating ourselves on the correct way to sort our recycling so we ask that you visit the MVRS website to learn as much as possible. Don't worry, you won't be the only one doing so, we are right there with you for we have to follow the same process. To visit the MVRS website, please click on the following link: <https://www.millvalleyrefuse.com/>

Remember that if you have any questions, you should [contact MVRS directly](#). However, you should try to exhaust all of your resources first and by that we mean, [check out their website](#). They just re-designed it so you have an easier time navigating through everything. There is so much information on their website that it won't take that long for you to become a dual stream recycling expert. We hope you find all of this information helpful and if you still feel like you prefer to contact MVRS with your questions, here is their contact information.

Office hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Phone: 415-457-9760 ext. 5

Fax: 415-457-3003

Email: customer@millvalleyrefuse.com

Please don't forget to [view and share the information flyer](#) with all of your friends and neighbors. This is super important so please help us spread the word.



Marin Comics Fest Presents: Eisner Nominated Cartoonist Scott Morse

The Marin Comics Fest features a series free creator talks, demonstrations, and book signings throughout the month of September. For more information and to see a complete schedule of events, visit marincomicsfest.org.



This event will be held on Saturday, September 7th from 11am to 12pm at the Civic Center Library, 3501 Civic Center Drive, #427 in San Rafael. Admission is free. Scott will be signing books following his presentation.

The Marin Comics Fest is supported by the Cartoon Art Museum, Copperfield's Books, Blue Moon Comics, and the libraries of Marin County.

Learn to Ride

Learn to ride pump tracks and rollers with a ranger at the Stafford Lake Bike Park.

This event is ideal for ages 5 and up though riders of all ages are welcome. All skill levels are welcome, and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your bike, helmet, and pads. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org. Park entrance is waived for participants.



This event will be held on Sunday, September 1st from 9am to 11am at the Stafford Lake Park in Novato. For directions, and more, please click [here](#).



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 3rd	September 4th	September 5th	September 6th	September 7th
10:00am - 12:00pm: Art Class	10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga	10:00am - 12:00pm: Book Club	10:00am - 12:00pm: Technology	10:00am - 12:00pm: Games
1:00pm - 3:00pm: Lunch & Conversation				
3:30pm - 5:00pm: Music	3:30pm - 5:00pm: Gardening	3:30pm - 5:00pm: Pottery	3:30pm - 5:00pm: Sewing	3:30pm - 5:00pm: Painting

Intergenerational Center

The Intergenerational Center is a gathering place for seniors, children and young adults, featuring programs in art, games, yoga, literature, technology and more. AFIC offers events and activities for all ages -- preschool to 100+.

For information or to view the [September program schedule](#), please visit the Intergenerational Center website: <https://agefriendlycenter.org> or call 415-991-4040.

Intergenerational Center programs are FREE for members. Membership cost for Corte Madera residents is \$25 and for non-residents it is \$40 for all of 2019.

The cost is a tax-deductible donation to *Age-Friendly Solutions*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please contact Pam at The Center at 415-991-4040 or via email at pwaterstone@tcmmail.org for more information.

The Intergenerational Center is located by the "pencil bench" at 498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera CA 94925



Work Week of Monday, September 2nd to Friday, September 5th

- [Tuesday, September 3rd: Town Council Meeting](#) - CANCELLED
- [Tuesday, September 3rd: Sanitary District No. 2 Board Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:45pm in the Corte

Madera Town Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive



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