



Bear Valley Community Services District

Preparing for a Power Outage

Loss of power may last from a few hours to several days



Power outages, planned or unplanned, may disrupt vital infrastructure & services:

Water Service - without power, pumps won't operate

Communications - landline and VOIP phones may not work

Transportation - stoplights and traffic signals may not work

Medical Devices - a power outage can prevent use of medical devices

Businesses Closures - ATMs, banks, gas stations, grocery stores and other businesses may not be able to remain open during a power outage.

How Can You Prepare?

Before

- Sign up for CodeRED and ReadyKERN to receive locally relevant emergency alerts
- Update your contact information with Southern California Edison to receive their alerts
- Take an inventory of the items that you use that rely on electricity, and identify backup methods that you can use when a power outage occurs
- Identify backup charging methods for cell phones and electronics
- Keep your mobile phone charged so you can receive emergency notifications
- Create an emergency supplies kit, including food, water, and medications
- Know how to use the manual release on your garage door
- Keep gas tanks full
- Discuss your plan with family and neighbors

During

- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Mark the handle with tape or string as reminder
- Use a thermometer to monitor freezer and refrigerator temperatures
- Use perishable food supplies first
- Use generators and grills outdoors, well away from windows
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage when power returns
- Check on neighbors, animals and family

After

- Throw away food that has been exposed to temperatures above 39* for more than 2 hours
- Check with your pharmacist regarding refrigerated medications

For more information on preparing for a power outage visit www.prepareforpowerdown.com