

Understanding Public Safety Power Shutoffs

To help prevent the start of wildfires, especially in high risk areas, we're taking added steps to keep you and your community safe. This includes a proactive measure, called a Public Safety Power Shutoff, where we would turn off power along specific circuits during extreme and hazardous weather conditions.

Why would a Public Safety Power Shutoff happen?

A Public Safety Power Shutoff is a fire prevention measure to help protect areas that are at a higher risk of fast-spreading, catastrophic fires, because no amount of preparation can eliminate all wildfire risks.

We work hard to clear plants away from our power lines, but debris, tree limbs and other material can be blown onto lines by high winds. A spark could lead to the rapid spread of wildfire when strong winds are combined with high temperatures, low humidity and other dangerous conditions.

In these cases, turning power off in areas experiencing hazardous weather conditions may be necessary to ensure the safety of your community.

We take the decision to preemptively shut off power in high fire risk areas seriously, and we expect that Public Safety Power Shutoffs will be a very rare occurrence.

What risk factors do we monitor?

Public Safety Power Shutoffs will be initiated only in specific, pre-planned areas when on-the-ground conditions create an extreme wildfire risk.

We monitor a range of factors before triggering a Public Safety Power Shutoff including:



DRY VEGETATION
and other potential wildfire fuel



HIGH WINDS



LOW HUMIDITY



REAL TIME OBSERVATION
by on-the-ground field experts

What should I expect?

To help you stay safe and in the know, we're committed to providing you with information in the most timely manner possible. Hazardous conditions can be unpredictable and change rapidly, but typically, here's what you can expect:

ADVANCE WARNING

Whenever possible, we will provide advance notice of a Public Safety Power Shutoff. Although worsening conditions may require swift action, our goal is to alert you before an outage.

CONTINUED UPDATES

As conditions change on the ground, we will keep you informed before, during and after a Public Safety Power Shutoff. Updates will be delivered via a range of channels including text, phone, radio and social media.

SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Once the extreme weather conditions have passed, Rocky Mountain Power crews will inspect our lines and equipment to clear debris and make repairs if needed before restoring power.

POWER RESTORATION

While we will restore your power as quickly as possible, a Public Safety Power Shutoff could last for several days if severe weather conditions persist.

How can I prepare?

Prepare for a Public Safety Power Shutoff as you would prepare for any emergency:

- Stock an emergency kit with flashlights, spare batteries and phone chargers
- Have a sufficient supply of shelf-stable food and water for all of the people and pets in your home
- Plan for any medical needs
- Write down critical phone numbers



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