



# BRILLIANCE

## ARE YOU SHARING YOUR BRILLIANCE?

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*Share your Brilliance, by  
encouraging and  
helping your neighbors to  
prepare for a PSPS.*

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## What is Brilliance?

One of the things I love about Lake County is seeing the impact one organization, sometimes even one individual, can make when they give freely of themselves. Lake County's communities are small, and our deep and cyclical challenges are well documented, but there is resilience in so many of our residents that truly shines.

There are struggles here, but also deep generosity, people moving about and touching lives in an open-hearted manner. Their contributions have a multiplying effect on those around them. They are sharing their Brilliance.

Brilliance is a new kind of publication from the County of Lake. Our intention is to use this vehicle to celebrate examples of people radiating into and enlivening their communities through service.

We will also share information requested by the public on issues of broad concern, in the hope it will enable action.

Many have expressed concern regarding Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), which may occur this summer. We need to prepare to the best of our ability. The resource pages at <http://www.lakecountyca.gov/psps/> offer information and tools.

As is the case whenever we face a new challenge, people are already stepping up to meet needs, and there are community efforts reflected in our web pages. When you review this information, we invite you to think about your role in helping your family, friends and neighbors prepare.

What inspires you? What drives you? What prompts you to really push yourself to make your best contribution? How can that have a positive impact on others as we collectively prepare for or respond to a PSPS?

Some of you are aware that many homes in my neighborhood were devastated by the Valley Fire. While my home was spared, it was an experience that shook me and my community to the core. Just days later, I had the privilege to lead the County's Recovery effort. It was so heartening to take a challenging circumstance, and turn that energy and stress into action and reassurance for many. It was a real opportunity to be a light at a dark time, to make a difference; to turn bad news into Brilliance.

What is your Brilliance, and how can you share that Brilliance for the betterment of your community?

How are those around you already positively changing the lives and circumstances of others?

Share your stories, by writing to [brilliance@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:brilliance@lakecountyca.gov).

--Carol J. Huchingson, County Administrative Officer

## Planning for a PSPS: Are You Prepared?

As many Lake County residents and other connected individuals are aware, PG&E plans to proactively shut off power when extreme fire danger conditions are present. These events are known as Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS).

The County of Lake has published resource pages to help you prepare, at <http://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/psps/>.

Because of the interconnectedness of PG&E's electrical grid, even those who do not live in designated [Elevated or Extreme risk areas](#) may lose power for an extended period.

In a webinar hosted June 26, PG&E officials noted that weather events requiring proactive power shutoff have historically been, "1 day or less in duration," but cautioned that California residents should "Be prepared for 48 hour outages, potentially even longer." As the Lake County Record-Bee and other outlets have reported, [PG&E has publicly stated proactive outages could last as long as 5 days](#).

Limited daylight hours may present challenges as the fall season progresses, and "Diablo winds," which are among the factors that could prompt a PSPS affecting Lake County, are historically most common in early summer and fall.

All individuals are strongly encouraged to [Prepare Now](#). Plan for your safety, and the safety of your loved ones. Share your Brilliance by encouraging and helping your neighbors to prepare, as well.

When the County receives new information, including any information specific to Lake County, it will be posted at our new PSPS resource page, <http://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/PSPS/>.

Additionally, we will continue to share information via the County's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/lakecountycalifornia/>. This is a public page, and you do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the County's posts.



*Click on the images above to sign up for emergency alerts*

### What is a Public Safety Power Shutoff?



Click above, for PG&E's 3-min explainer ([Video Transcript](#))

During extreme weather, or other extreme fire danger conditions, California's utility companies, including PG&E, may need to turn off power to certain areas, to reduce the risk of wildfires. These proactive power outages are known as **Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)**:

[Statewide PSPS Fact Sheet \(English\)](#)  
[Statewide PSPS Fact Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)  
[PG&E's Frequently Asked Questions](#)  
[PG&E, more information for Spanish speakers](#)  
[prepareforpowerdown.com \(English\)](http://prepareforpowerdown.com)  
[prepareforpowerdown.com \(Spanish\)](http://prepareforpowerdown.com)

## Be Aware

While PG&E hopes to notify affected customers 48 hours in advance of any PSPS, fire threats and other extreme conditions can quickly change, and **actual notice may be significantly less than 48 hours**.

PG&E and public officials must be able to immediately alert you in any PSPS or disaster. Sign up for alerts today!

[Sign up for LakeCoAlerts](#)

[Update your PG&E Contact Information](#)

## Be Prepared

Preparedness is particularly important for those with medical and other special needs.

[Planning for Those with Electricity-Dependent Medical Needs](#) (Pacific ADA Center)

[Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Safety for Individuals with Disabilities](#) (Red Cross)

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Encourage and help your neighbors to prepare, as well.

### Have a Family Emergency Plan

[FEMA Family Emergency Plan \(English\)](#)

[Further FEMA planning tools, additional languages](#)

**Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit**, with supplies sufficient for at least a 72-hour period. Again, PG&E officials have stated that a PSPS event could last up to 5 days (120 hours).

[PG&E Emergency Supply Kit Checklist](#)

[FEMA Disaster Supplies Checklist](#)

### Generators and Backup Power

Some residents may choose to seek a backup power solution for their residence.

Information is available at <http://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/PSPS/>, click on “**Generators and Backup Power**.”

## For More Information

*Additional Resources from PG&E:*

[PG&E Wildfire Safety Program Page](#)

[California Wildfire Safety Program Preparedness Brochure](#) (June 2019)

[Be Prepared for Emergencies](#)

[Public Safety Power Shutoff Fact Sheet](#)

[Backup Generation \(Generators, Portable Power Stations, Battery Tech\) Fact Sheet](#)

[Backup Generation Options Guide](#)

**Department of Homeland Security Resources:**

<http://www.ready.gov/>

[Power Outage Preparedness](#)

[Wildfire Preparedness](#)

[Planning for Individuals with Disabilities](#)

**Further Resources:**

[FCC Emergency Communications Tips](#)

[CDC Disability and Health Emergency Preparedness Tools and Resources](#)

[CDC Tips for Preventing Heat-Related Illness](#)

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*LakeCoAlerts and PG&E need your current contact information to notify you.*

*Update your contact information today!*

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