HAZARDS AND THREATS

Power Outages

Rotating Electric Outages - Preparedness

Power Outages can cause a number of safety concerns; knowing the following information can help. During excessive hot weather conditions, energy shortages are possible creating a potential emergency for residents, renters and business owners in the Los Angeles County Operational Area. This could lead to temporary planned rotating electricity outages.

Before a Rotating Electric Power Outage

Conserve Energy

- When home, set your thermostat at 78 degrees during summer and 68 degrees during winter time.

- Don’t use large appliances such as air conditioner, pool pump, clothes washer and electric dryer during peak times:
  - Winter Hours: 5-9 a.m. and 4-8 p.m.
  - Peak Summer Hours: 12 noon-6 p.m.

- Close drapes and blinds to keep heat/cold out.

- Weather-strip doors and windows.

- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.

- Limit decorative lighting.

General Tips

- Have flashlights, radios and clocks, with extra batteries.

- Individuals with disabilities, access and functional needs should be ready for electric outages.

- If you have a generator, read the instructions and know how to operate it safely.
• Plan ahead with your Neighborhood Watch Group and/or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

• Know how to operate your garage door without electricity.

• Have a non-cordless telephone in case of an electrical outage

• Having a working, non-electric smoke detector (battery powered)

• Use stairs, instead of elevators, during outages

**During a Rotating Electric Power Outage**

**Recommendation to DO the Following:**

• Stay alert and calm.

• Use flashlights or light sticks for lighting (be careful when using candles inside a house or building – follow fire codes and instruction).

• Turn off all appliances.

• Turn off all but one light switch.

• Listen to the radio for information.

• Check on those with disabilities, access and functional needs

• Stop at all non-working traffic signals and proceed when safe.

**Recommendation to DO NOT DO the Following:**

• Do not call 911 due to a power outage only used if it is a life threatening.

• Do not assume other motorist drivers will stop for you at non-working traffic signals.

• Do not use candles for lighting in the house or business (potential fire hazard).

• Do not use oven for heating (potential fire hazard and carbon monoxide poisoning).
- Do not use barbecue indoors for heating (potential fire hazard and carbon monoxide poisoning).

- Do not use barbecues indoor for cooking (potential fire hazard and carbon monoxide poisoning).

- Do not use propane indoors (potential fire hazard – explosion).

After a Rotating Electric Power Outage

- Continue to conserve energy.

- Reset all electrical equipment safely.

- Continue to drive safely…Remember power may be out in other areas.