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8:30 pm Update: PG&E Power Shutoff Delayed until 8 pm Tonight

Oakland, CA – PG&E's power shutoff schedule remains in place, with the **shutoff in Oakland slated to begin at 8 pm.** It may take up to two hours for the process to be completed.

PG&E anticipates that the weather conditions leading to the Public Safety Power Shutdown will subside by 12 noon tomorrow. However, they advise that the **process to re-energize the lines could still take up to several days**, depending on how long it takes for their crews to inspect the system, the level of damage caused by high winds, and the extent of repairs required. The decision to turn off power, and the speed at which it is restored, is planned and managed solely by PG&E.

The City's Emergency Operations Center remains in a 24-hour operational mode. The Oakland Fire Department remains on high alert given extremely hazardous fire conditions. In addition to their normal operations, firefighters have conducted roving fire patrols in the Oakland Hills. These resources augment the department's normal hill company patrols that are out during high fire danger.

Today, Oakland firefighters made contact with residents with special medical needs. Additionally, the State of California Office of Emergency Services has prepositioned fire suppression resources in Oakland and the region.

When the PG&E power shutoff occurs, the Oakland Police Department and Department of Transportation will deploy additional neighborhood patrols and provide traffic safety support at key intersections where signals are out.

Oakland Public Works will have tree crews on standby to respond to any downed trees or tree limbs in the public right-of-way or blocking streets.

Oakland Hills residents are encouraged to park their vehicles off-street if possible, to allow improved emergency vehicle access in the event of incidents requiring public safety response.

City of Oakland Facility and Program Impacts

Park Closures & Restrictions

Joaquin Miller Park is closed to the public on Red Flag days. Signs will be posted at all park entrances and trails regarding the closure.

Barbeques and fires are prohibited in all City parks on Red Flag days.

Recreation Center Closures

The following facilities will be closed until facility power is restored and the Red Flag Waring is lifted:

- Dimond Recreation Center & Lions Pool
- East Oakland Sports Center
- Redwood Heights Recreation Center
- Sheffield Village Recreation Center
- Montclair Recreation Center
- Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate
- Joaquin Miller Community Center
- Leona Lodge
- Sequoia Lodge

Head Start Site Closures

The following City of Oakland Head Start sites will be closed until facility power is restored:

- Tassafaronga (975 85th Ave., Oakland, CA 94621)
- Cosmopolitan (988 85th Ave., Oakland, CA 94621)
- Brookfield (401 Jones Ave., Oakland, CA 94603)
- 85th Avenue (8501 International Blvd., Oakland, CA 94621)
- Lion Creek (6818 Lion Way, # 110 Oakland, CA 94621)

For more Head Start information, please call (510) 238-3165. All enrolled families at these sites have been notified.

Oakland Public Library Closures

Oakland Public Library branches are expected to open unless power is not available. For updates go to <u>www.oaklandlibrary.org</u>.

Oakland Unified School District Closures

- Fruitvale
- Grass Valley
- Howard
- Montclair
- Sequoia
- Elmhurst United
- Rudsdale Continuation
- Skyline
- Sojourner Truth

Alameda County Social Services Facility Closures in Oakland

- Eastmont (6955 Foothill Blvd #100 and #143, Oakland, CA 94605)
- Enterprise: (8477 Enterprise Way, Oakland, CA 94621)

Key Phone Numbers for Assistance

- **Only call 911** for life-threatening situations requiring immediate attention
- Call **311** or (510) 615-5566 for City maintenance issues such as a fallen tree or blocked street
- Call **211** for critical human services information regarding emergency shelters, disaster relief services, assistance with temporary housing, and other basic social needs.

Please check <u>www.oaklandca.gov/firesafety</u> for ongoing updates.

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