



PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES THIS SUMMER AND FALL

Climate change, wildfires, heat waves, dry vegetation, drought, and high winds all contribute to higher demand for electricity that can lead to power outages. Read on for tools and tips on staying prepared throughout the summer and fall.

All the Ways to Save

Review this checklist of the ways you can help reduce power outages by conserving energy:

- Conserve energy between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., when electricity demand is highest.
- Use major appliances (e.g., oven, dishwasher, clothes dryer) before or after the critical energy demand times.
- Set air conditioning thermostat to 78°, if health permits.
- Turn off unnecessary lights in your home.
- Use fans when possible.
- Unplug unused electrical devices and power strips.
- Close blinds and drapes to keep the heat from the sun out.
- Limit the amount of time the refrigerator door is open.
- Create an account at myaccount.alamedamp.com to monitor your energy use and see where you can save.
- Check out AMP's rebates for purchases of energy-saving appliances at www.alamedamp.com.

What You Need to Know About Flex Alerts and Emergency Stages

Flex Alert is a system developed by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to encourage Californians to voluntarily reduce energy use.

CAISO Emergency Stages

- **Stage 1** – A call to conserve energy due to supply/demand concerns.
- **Stage 2** – A call to conserve energy and prepare for limited duration power outages (1-2 hours)
- **Stage 3** – An order for utilities to begin rolling outages in 1-to-2-hour increments.

Go to flexalert.org for additional information and to sign up for alerts. Plus, AMP shares Flex Alerts on its Facebook and Twitter pages.

It's Time to Make a Plan

To make sure you're prepared for power outages, you need a solid plan. Here are some tips:

- Plan for any medical needs like medications that need to be refrigerated or devices that require power. If you are dependent on an electric or battery-dependent medical technologies such as breathing machines, a power wheelchair or scooter, and home oxygen or dialysis, it is critical that you have a plan in place for an extended power outage.
- Plan for the needs of pets.
- Build or restock your emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, cash, and food that will last up to five days.
- Identify backup charging methods for phones and other electronic devices.
- Keep emergency, family, and other important phone numbers accessible in hard copy.
- Sign up for text or email updates from AMP.
- Follow AMP on Facebook and Twitter.

THANKING ANN MCCORMICK FOR SERVICE TO ALAMEDA

Alameda resident and longtime Public Utilities Board leader Ann McCormick has contributed 18 years of outstanding service to our island community.

Here is a look at a few of outgoing President Ann McCormick's achievements on behalf of Alamedans:

- Worked tirelessly for many years to position AMP to provide 100% clean energy.
- Supported the short-term sale of renewable energy credits from 2012 through 2019, which enabled AMP to provide programs that reduced greenhouse gas emissions in the community. The short-term sale of RECs ended in 2019.
- Helped maintain low electric rates, which are currently 26% below those in neighboring communities.
- Advocated for the transition to smart meters.

Thank you, Ann McCormick, for your long-lasting contributions to the community and Alameda's environment.



SIGN UP NOW: NEW RATE FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE OWNERS

Attention Alameda electric vehicle (EV) owners: Have you signed up yet for the new time-of-use (TOU) rate plan?

Customers who are eligible for the TOU rate plan may benefit from lower pricing and have more control over their electric bills. The TOU plan is an opt-in program—customers will not be automatically placed on the new rate.

Help Lower Energy Demand This Summer

TOU rate plans encourage customers to shift electricity usage to the times of day when electricity demand is lower. This means that you can help lower electricity demand this summer, which could help prevent potential power outages.

Learn More

Find details about the TOU plan and frequently asked questions at www.alamedamp.com/electricvehicles. Click on the TOU tab to learn more. If you have questions about the rate plan, please email EV@alamedamp.com.

	Current D1 Customers
Off Peak (\$/kWh)	\$0.132
Weekdays: 9pm-5pm Weekends & Holidays: All Hours	
OnPeak (\$/kWh)	\$0.50
Weekdays: 5pm - 9pm	



CALL 811 BEFORE YOUR SUMMER PROJECT

Planning summer home improvement projects? National Safe Digging Day occurs each year on August 11, serving as a reminder to be sure to always call 811 before you dig on any project. It is crucial to make the call on any project, no matter how small, to avoid contact with underground utility lines.

How to Avoid Damage or Injury

- Call 811 or go to www.call811.com and request to have your underground utilities marked a few days before you start your project.
- The 811 team will contact utilities in your area so utility operators can mark the sites of any underground lines at your location.
- Verify that all impacted utilities have marked the sites of underground lines. Underground utility lines are marked with a flag or paint.
- Be sure to dig carefully around the markers.

DON'T LET METALLIC BALLOONS FLOAT INTO POWER LINES

When metallic balloons touch power lines, they can cause power outages and possible injuries. In the past year, AMP responded to 24 mylar balloon incidents, including two power outages.

How to Keep Your Balloons from Escaping

- Secure your metallic balloons with a weight to prevent them from flying away.
- Keep mylar balloons away from overhead utility lines and all utility equipment.
- If you see a metallic balloon in a power line, call AMP immediately at (510) 748-3900.

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