



THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE IS READY... ARE YOU?

The electric companies that serve Riverside County may have to cut power on short notice. Before the power goes out, here are useful things to know:

Only call 9-1-1 when you have a life-threatening emergency.

Be sure all smoke alarms have fresh batteries. Have battery back-up to hard-wired smoke alarms.

For power outages do NOT call 911. Contact your electricity supplier's emergency number.

Edison's 24-hour EMERGENCY phone number is:	800-611-1911
City of Riverside's EMERGENCY phone number is:	909-687-0791
Imperial Irrigation District EMERGENCY phone number is:	760-398-5851

For emergency information, check community cable channels and tune your radio or television to local stations that have live news broadcasts.

For emergency preparedness information on the internet:

Governor's Office of Emergency Services	www.oes.ca.gov
Riverside Co. Office of Emergency Services	www.rvcfire.org/esd
Southern California Edison	www.sce.com/your_home

During power outages, traffic lights don't work. If a traffic signal is out, act as if the intersection has four-way stop signs. Stop, wait, look both ways, move forward with caution!

Keep plenty of flashlights, extra flashlight batteries, blankets, and coats handy.

Use flashlights or electric lanterns for light, not candles. If you use candles, never leave them unattended. Don't use a propane camping stove, kerosene heater or charcoal grill for heat – the fumes can kill you!

If you have a potential medical problem, arrange for a friend to check on you ... and you to check on them.

Most telephones should work even when the lights are out, but cordless phones require electricity. Have a regular telephone available for use in power outages.

Identify how to manually open your garage door. The opener will not work without electricity. Pull on the red handle along the center rail above the door to release the door from the opener.

Remember that power outages routinely occur throughout Riverside County. The only difference is that these can be anticipated and should last a limited time.

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