When power outages occur, it’s always good to be prepared. Whether it’s a maintenance outage, blackout from an unexpected storm, or a Public Safety Power Shutoff, here are some tips to help you prepare for outages and lessen the impact until the lights come back on.
FIRST AID KIT: In addition to the usual items, you should also include prescription medications.

BOTTLED WATER: Experts recommend a gallon of water per person per day.

CORDED PHONE: This can be plugged in during power outages. If your home or business ‘land line’ phone has been converted to digital, you may need to purchase a battery back-up system to maintain phone service during a power outage. Please contact your phone service provider for more information.

FLASHLIGHTS & BATTERIES: You should store them where you can easily find them and ensure batteries are replaced regularly.

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH YOUR HOME’S UTILITY BOXES (ELECTRICITY, WATER AND GAS) AND HOW TO TURN THEM OFF; KEEP THE PROPER TOOLS TO DO SO HANDY

BATTERY-OPERATED RADIO: This can be used to access news reports or other important messages if phone and internet are not available.

COOLERS OR ICE CHESTS: In case of a lengthy outage, you should have a few around to store ice.

SPECIAL-NEEDS ITEMS: This includes items for infants, the elderly, or the disabled.

KEEP THE GAS TANK IN AT LEAST ONE CAR HALF FULL AT ALL TIMES

LEARN HOW TO MANUALLY OPEN YOUR AUTOMATIC GARAGE DOORS OR GATES

IF YOU HAVE A PORTABLE GAS GENERATOR, IDENTIFY AN OUTDOOR LOCATION WHERE YOU CAN SAFELY USE IT DURING A POWER OUTAGE - NEVER USE IT INDOORS
GET UPDATES FROM A BATTERY-POWERED RADIO IF IT’S A STORM OR EMERGENCY SITUATION. IF IT’S A HOT DAY, FIND RELIEF FROM THE HEAT AT A NEARBY COOL CENTER.

KEEP A FULLY CHARGED CELL PHONE ON HAND. DURING POWER OUTAGES, YOU MAY LOSE PHONE SERVICE, AND YOUR CORDLESS PHONE MAY ALSO LOSE POWER.

IF YOU SEE A DOWNED POWER LINE, DO NOT TOUCH IT. CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.

EQUIPMENT BACKUP: If your medical equipment is supplied by a hospital or a durable medical equipment company, work with them to develop an emergency or backup plan. Some companies may supply additional medical equipment and other services during emergency situations.

SCE has a medical baseline program for customers who use medical equipment. Customers can call 1-800-655-4555 or visit www.sce.com/medicalbaseline to learn more about the program and enroll.