

POWER OUTAGE GUIDE

DISTANCE LEARNING 2020-2021

MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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goes out?**



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This document is to help you prepare for a power outage for:

1. GUIDANCE FOR CONTINUING SCHOOLWORK
2. YOUR SAFETY

- Please read this guidance carefully.
- Print it to keep it in a safe place so you can refer to it when the power goes down.

GUIDANCE FOR CONTINUING SCHOOLWORK

When your child is unable to connect with the teacher for class on a school day because of a power outage, please use the following guidance:

- If you have internet connectivity by way of a mobile device or by other means, you may access the District's website (mhusd.org) for information updates.
- Your child must continue current known assignments as much as possible with modifications for when they are due.
- If power outages interfere with assignments, students must do what they can on the assignments with the resources they have. As an alternative place for students to complete a connection, students may use one of the District's connectivity hubs if they are open and have capacity: Paradise Valley Engineering Academy for grades TK-8 and Ann Sobrato High School for grades 9-12. If either of these connectivity hubs are affected by the power outage the District may announce alternative locations via Blackboard Connect, Facebook or other Social Media.
- If a student doesn't see any new assignments or direction from the teacher, the teacher may have a power outage which is interfering with the ability to communicate with the students. New assignments will be made when electrical power resumes.

If power is out during a short time during any one day:

- Students who are unable to connect and are not virtually present or responding to teacher assignments because of a power outage, may have their absence excused by reporting the problem by telephone to attendance as soon as possible.
- Students will not receive late penalties on assignments if they turn in their assignments late due to the power outage.
- Students will continue to work on previously assigned assignments to the best of their ability.
- Assignments which are unable to be completed on time due to the power outages will be given an additional grace period to complete the assignments as determined by the teacher.

First full day of power outage:

1. All previously assigned work which was due on the day school is closed because of a power outage, is due on the day power resumes.
2. All previously assigned work due on the day power resumes, must still be turned in on the due date.
3. Teachers do not assign any new work on the day the power is out.
4. Students and teachers should be alert to weather, so hopefully everybody has what they need at home to do whatever work was already assigned.

Two or more consecutive full days of power outage:

1. All previously assigned work that was due both days school is closed is due the day power resumes.
2. All previously assigned work that is due on the day power resumes is still due at the assigned time on the day power resumes.
3. All students are assigned daily to read independently (10 minute intervals for each grade level, at least 2 intervals throughout the day).

10 minutes for K-1st
20 minutes for 2nd
30 minutes for 3rd
40 minutes for 4th
50 minutes for 5th
1 hour for Middle School
90 minutes for High School

4. Additional assignments may be prepared by teachers and to be used by students during power outages.
5. Optional assignments may be sent to all students by the child's teacher and posted on the teacher's website if there is connectivity.

YOUR SAFETY

1. It is important that PG&E has your most recent contact information so you can be notified when an event could impact your home or business. Parents and Staff should update personal contact information. Visit <https://bit.ly/PGEAlert> or call 1-866-743-6589 to update your contact information.
2. Emergencies and disasters happen but you can plan ahead by researching the types of emergencies that may occur in your area. To prepare for the unexpected, start planning today. For more emergency preparedness information visit our website www.sccgov.org/PrepareSCC or the PG&E Safety Action Center at safetyactioncenter.pge.com for tips on how to build an emergency plan. Remember unique family needs such as supplies for pets, infants, those with assistive medical devices, or medications requiring refrigeration, etc.
3. Create a family communication plan in the event communication networks such as cell phones and computers become unreliable in the event of an emergency. Create a paper copy of contact information for your family and other important people and offices such as medical facilities, doctors, schools, or service providers. Then share this list with your family members and keep a copy in your go bag. For more emergency preparedness information, visit www.sccgov.org/PrepareSCC.
4. Prepare an emergency supply kit. Stock supplies for a week – include flashlights, first aid supplies, food, water and cash.
5. Fully charge your mobile phone
6. Make sure any backup power sources are ready to safely operate. Visit pge.com/backuppower for safety tips.
7. Have flashlights available for your household. Avoid using candles.
8. Have a battery-powered or crank radio. Stock up on the right batteries for items you rely on. Make sure to include two extra sets in various sizes.
9. Keep cash on hand and a full tank of gas. ATMs and gas stations may not be available during an outage.
10. Practice opening and closing your garage door manually
11. Talk with your building manager. If you live or work in a building that has elevators or electronic key card access, make sure you understand how your building will deal with potential multiple-day outages.
12. Keep emergency numbers handy
13. Be ready to act if PG&E notifies you of a potential PSPS.
14. Freeze large containers of water to keep food cold during an outage.
15. Fully charge your medical device(s) and consider securing backup power if you rely on power for your device(s).

[Receive outage updates by text, email or phone](#)

Stay informed about outages affecting your service—or service anywhere in PG&E's territory. When you sign up for outage notifications, they will let you know the cause, when crews are on their way, the estimated restoration time and when power is restored. Learn about your outage notification options, below.

If you simply want to view or report an outage, you can go directly to PG&E's [outage map](#). An online account is not required.

[View or Report Outages Here](#)

Make sure that you are [signed up to receive notifications directly from PG&E](#) about Public Safe Power Shutdowns. You will need your PG&E account information to do this.