

# Protecting Against Wildfire

Tucson Electric Power works year-round to reduce wildfire risks through system upgrades, vegetation management and situational awareness. However, extreme summer heat and high winds can increase the risk that power lines might spark wildfires, particularly in remote, dry areas.

Beginning this year, TEP will implement expanded protections that include the possibility that proactive, temporary power outages may be needed in certain limited areas to reduce wildfire risks during extreme and dangerous weather conditions.

## What is a Public Safety Power Shutoff?

This tool is a last resort. For each event, we will consider if the shutoff is needed to protect public safety. A combination of risk factors — such as high winds, low humidity and dry vegetation, among others — would need to be in place before a public safety power shutoff, or PSPS, would be initiated. Under these conditions, a fire could spread rapidly. Proactively and temporarily shutting off power reduces the risk that winds could cause flying debris to hit our lines or damage our equipment and cause a fire.

We are working closely with emergency response coordinators, first responders, and other critical service providers to ensure that we are effectively working together. We will notify customers in risk-prone zones as soon

as possible if we are considering de-energizing lines and will provide updates until conditions are safe and all power has been restored.

## Preparing for an Outage

You can take steps now to be prepared for such any outage, whether from a violent summer storm or a wildfire, including:

- **Review your family's safety plan.** Consider how you'll address the needs for infants, elders, people with disabilities and pets. Make sure to ask your doctor about refrigerated medicines or powered medical equipment.
- **Refresh your emergency kit.** Items such as flashlights, portable phone chargers and water are critical. Our website shares more suggestions.
- **Make sure we have your current contact information.** That way, we can provide important updates in the case of an event. Call us at **520-623-7711** or update your information on MyAccount or through our mobile app. Sign up for our Medical Device Alert program if you use a powered, life-sustaining medical device.
- **Address any fire risk at your own home.** Create a defensible space around your home and take steps to eliminate ignition potential from fireworks or cigarettes.

High  
Temperature



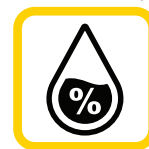
High Winds



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Low Humidity



Dry Vegetation/  
Drought Conditions

