

Statewide Providers Meeting

Emergency Preparedness

DSHS Office of Emergency Management

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED

EMERGENCY PLAN



Planning for emergencies and disasters is essential.

Plan your work and work your plan.

Policies and procedures.

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Ensure that the following home safety requirements are met for each client unless otherwise specified in the client's individual support plan:


- (a) A safe and healthy environment
- (b) Accessible telephone equipment and a list of emergency contact numbers
- (c) An evacuation plan developed and practiced with the client
- (d) Unblocked door and window for emergency exit

Evacuation / House Fires



- Fire drill plan and procedures for emergency evacuation
- Identify a meeting place outside your house
- Evacuate then call 911
- Check smoke and CO alarms twice a year
- Practice fire drills
- Wildfires
- Where will your household go if there is a LEVEL 3 evacuation notice given for your neighborhood?

Power outages this summer?



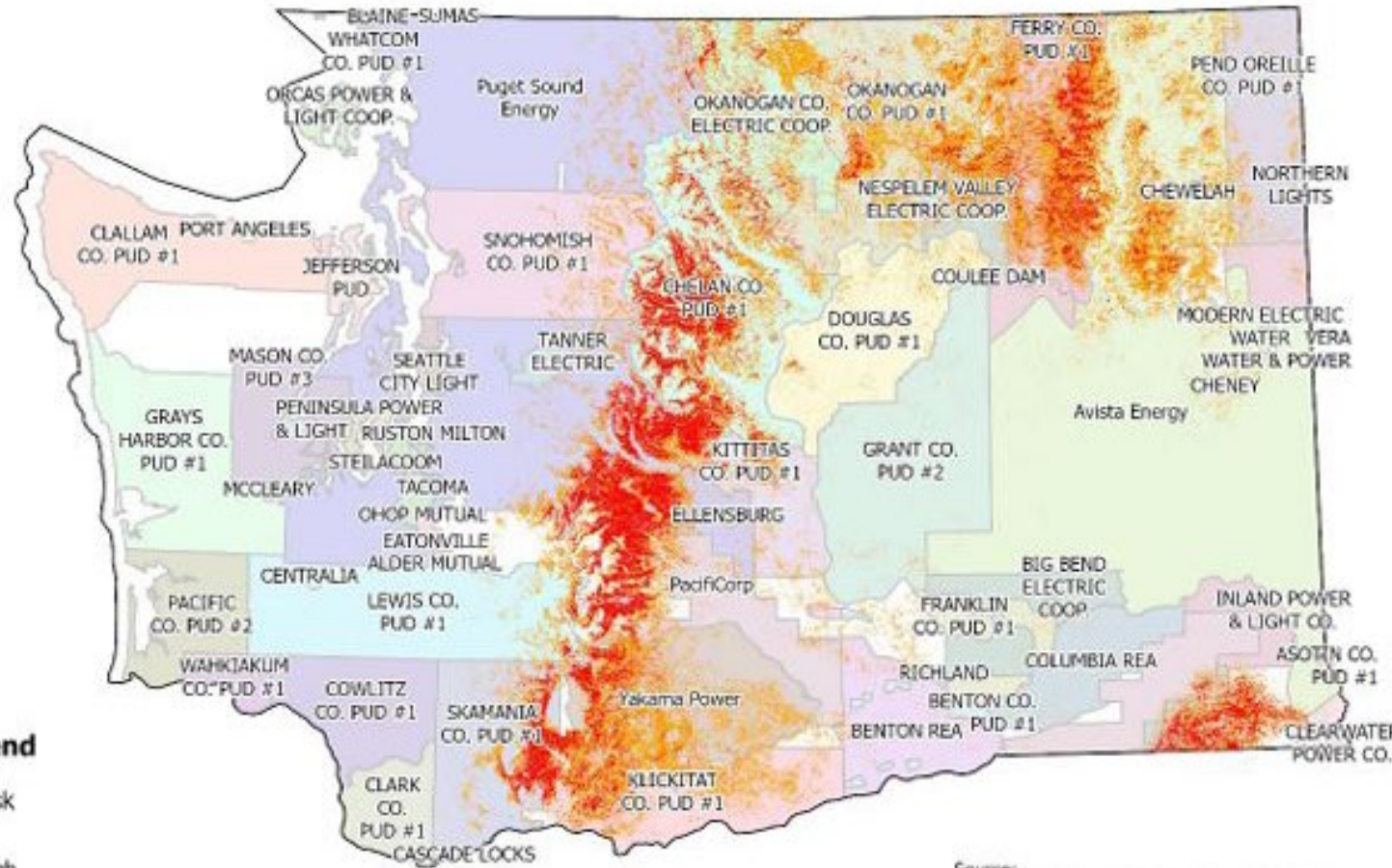
Do you have a generator?
Do you or your staff know how to use it?
Do you practice?

We Got This!

High Wildfire Hazard & Electric Utility Service Areas

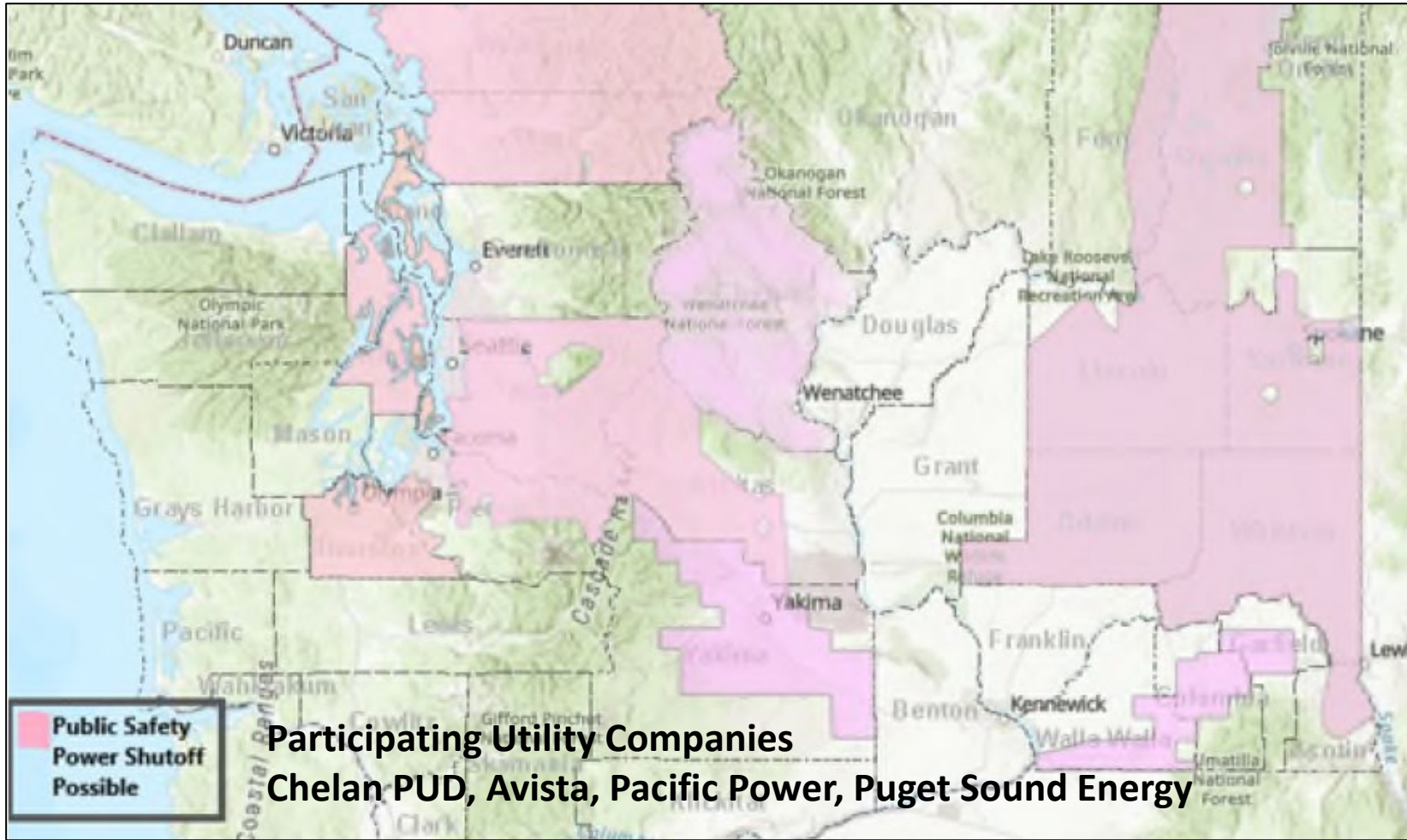
Recent utility caused fires:

- 2018 Camp Fire destroyed the City of Paradise, California, 85 deaths
- 2020 Babb Road Fire destroyed Malden and Pine City and 65 homes
- 2023 Gray Fire destroyed 240 homes and one death
- 2023 Maui Wildfires, Town of Lahaina destroyed, 101 deaths



Source:
USDA Forest Service, Fire Modeling Institute

Planned Power outages may occur in these Locations



- Adams County
- Chelan County
- Columbia County
- Colville Tribe
- Ferry County
- Garfield County
- Island County
- Jefferson County
- Kitsap County
- Lincoln County
- Lummi Tribe
- Muckleshoot Tribe
- Pierce County
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Puyallup Tribe
- Samish Tribe
- Skagit County
- Snoqualmie Tribe
- Spokane County
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- Stevens County
- Suquamish Tribe
- Swimonish Tribe
- Thurston County
- Upper Skagit Tribe
- Walla Walla County
- Whatcom County
- Whitman County
- Yakama Tribe
- Yakima County

*Map of where PSPS polices are in affect, 2024

Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)



- Temporarily shuts off power lines during extreme fire risk weather conditions to help prevent wildfires from starting.
- Fire mitigation measure of last resort to keep communities safe.
- Local utilities will determine the highest risk power lines in each area and take steps to ensure that the fewest number of customers are impacted by a power outage.

Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)



- Customers will be notified before, during, and after a PSPS event via automated call, text, email based on customers' account profile. Media will likely cover the event.
- Medical Life Support customers receive enhanced communications. Notify utility company in advance.
- Avista will operate Community Resource Centers (CRC) to provide support during PSPS events. The CRCs will be located near the impacted area and will provide water, snacks, device charging, and information.
- PSPS power outages may last a few hours or potentially even days.

BEAT THE HEAT, STAY SAFE!



Extreme temperatures are hitting our area! Take precautions to stay safe during this scorching heatwave. Here are some tips:

WHO'S AT RISK?



ADULTS OVER 65, CHILDREN UNDER 4, PEOPLE WITH EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, AND PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO AIR CONDITIONING.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

STAY COOL

- FIND AN AIR-CONDITIONED SHELTER
- AVOID DIRECT SUNLIGHT
- WEAR LIGHTWEIGHT, LIGHT-COLORED CLOTHING
- LIMIT YOUR TIME IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT

STAY HYDRATED

- DRINK MORE WATER THAN USUAL
- DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE THIRSTY TO DRINK MORE FLUIDS
- AVOID SUGARY DRINKS AND ALCOHOL
- REMIND OTHERS TO DRINK ENOUGH WATER

STAY INFORMED

- CHECK LOCAL NEWS FOR EXTREME HEAT ALERTS
- LEARN THE SYMPTOMS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION AND HEATSTROKE



- Cooling Centers: Dial 2-1-1 or use the statewide online resource [here to find cooling centers near you](#). Reminder: Call 7-1-1 before dialing 2-1-1 for TYY services. Language assistance is available.
- Stay indoors and in an air-conditioned environment as much as possible.
- Keep your home cool by closing windows and shades during daylight hours.
- Check on your friends, family, and neighbors before bedtime. Assist those who are vulnerable or at higher risk, neighbors who are elderly, ill or may need help.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids but don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- Keep outdoor pets safe in the heat and make sure they have protection from heat.

Emergency Supplies



- Recommendation for the public is a two-week supply of emergency supplies
- Food: nonperishable/ meets dietary needs
- Water: 1 gallon per person/per day
Replace every six months unless sealed and commercially bottled
- Store supplies in a dry and accessible location away from sunlight
- Emergency medical supplies -prescriptions
- Important documents

Get Involved: Community Building

- Talk to your neighbors
- Plan together
- Share contact information
- Which neighbors have helpful tools you may need?
- Which neighbors have specialized skills?
- National Night Out (August 6)

A national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships





Statewide Providers... Thank you!