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Emergency Public Safety Power Shutoff Message to all Alameda County Food Facilities

This message is for Tuesday, October 9, 2019.

Due to predicted high winds and extremely dry conditions, electric power to locations within Alameda County may have a potentially long-term power shutdown for two (2) up to five (5) days starting on Wednesday, October 9th.

At this time, we do not know all areas that will be impacted.

Food facilities without power must be **“CLOSED”** for the safety of the employees and the public until power is restored. Refrigerators, appliances, lighting and ventilation equipment will not function during an electrical power shutdown.

In the event that the shutdown lasts more than four (4) hours, the following precautions must be taken:

- Take steps to locate alternate commercial cold food storage facilities outside of the impacted areas for refrigerated and frozen foods, such as refrigerated trucks, restaurants or commercial kitchens.
- For safety reasons, professional dry ice services may be used for freezers to protect frozen foods from temperature abuse. Dry ice must be used with extreme caution.
- Food stored in refrigerators without power for more than four hours must be discarded for food safety reasons.
- Take photos and keep records of all foods discarded for insurance purposes. Contact your insurance company for instructions.
- Place all discarded foods in your organic waste management containers with secure lids to prevent vermin access. Contact your waste management company for extra pick-up service, if needed.
- For more detailed information regarding food safety please click or copy and paste the following link into your browser:
- <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/RetailFood/FSPowerOutage.pdf>

To prevent damage to electrical equipment, check with the power company before, during and after the power shutdown for further instructions.