

# HOW TO PREPARE YOUR BUSINESS FOR A PLANNED POWER SHUTOFF

## BUSINESS FINANCING AND INCENTIVE RESOURCES

ALL INDUSTRIES	MANUFACTURING	AGRICULTURE	FOOD PROCESSING
<p><b>PACE Financing</b><sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>California State Loan Guarantee</b><sup>2</sup></p>	<p>Partial Sales and Use Tax Exemption (MFG)<sup>5</sup></p>	<p>Partial Sales and use Tax Exemption (AG)<sup>7</sup></p>	<p>Food Production Investment Program<sup>8</sup></p>
<p><b>California Competes</b><sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>US Small Business Administration</b><sup>4</sup></p>	<p>Advanced Manufacturing Sales Tax Exemption (MFG)<sup>5</sup></p>		<p>Partial Sales and Use Tax Exemption (MFG)<sup>5</sup></p>

**1** **Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)** financing pays for up to 100% of project cost, and is repaid through an assessment on the property tax bill. Eligible energy improvements include solar, advanced energy storage and co-generation systems.

**2** **Loan guarantees** up to 80-95% for businesses that experience barrier to traditional capital access.

**3** **California Competes** state income tax credit designed to help businesses stay and grow in California. Credits are offered on a competitive basis contingent on investments and hiring within CA.

**4** **US Small Business Administration** provides federal guarantees for small business lending.

**5** **Partial Sales and Use Tax Exemption (MFG)** provides a partial exemption on state sales tax for the purchase of qualified tangible personal property used in the manufacturing process.

**6** **Advanced Manufacturing Sales Tax Exemption** allows full sales tax exclusion for manufacturers that employ alternative sources of energy, reducing the need for new electric generation.

**7** **Partial Sales and use Tax Exemption Tax Exemption (AG)** provides a partial sales tax exemption for agri-businesses for diesel fuel, equipment, and other qualified personal property used in agricultural operations.

**8** **Food production Investment Program** provides grants from upgrades/replacement of equipment and renewable energy technologies.



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Check out our **Small Business Power Outage Safety Tips** on reverse

*Considering investing in a generator or alternative back-up power method for your business? Contact your PG&E Account Representative (yes- every business has one!) to learn more about sizing requirements and energy needs in the case of a PG&E Power Shutoff.*

# SMALL BUSINESS POWER OUTAGE SAFETY TIPS

Knowing what to do during a power outage at work is key to keeping your employees and customers safe.

## Before a Workplace Power Outage

- Take an inventory of items that rely on electricity—plan for batteries and other alternatives as needed
- Know how to safely operate your generator
- Invest in surge protection to protect your equipment
- Understand the difference between a blackout vs brownout
- Sign up for local alerts and warning systems. Monitor weather reports.
- Make sure your employees and customers are safe
- Have an emergency kit for you and your employees

## During a Workplace Power Outage

- Call your utility company and report the power outage
- Turn off and disconnect your equipment to prevent further damage
- Use MiFi devices to stay online and complete critical operations
- Keep doors closed on all refrigeration equipment

## After a Workplace Power Outage

- Confirm that power is restored before resuming operations
- Check your equipment and appliances for any damages
- Turn off your generator in a safe way
- Tally your losses and recover your small business

For additional information visit  
[SonomaEDB.org/  
BusinessRecoveryTools](https://SonomaEDB.org/BusinessRecoveryTools)

