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(661) 868-3173**Resources Available for Kern River Valley Residents Affected by
SCE Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)**

KERN COUNTY—In response to ongoing Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) by Southern California Edison (SCE) in the Kern River Valley, community support services are available to assist residents in staying safe.

Cooling Center**Location:** Kern River Valley Senior Center**Address:** 6401 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, 93240**Hours of Operation:**

- Wednesday, June 18, 2025 | 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Thursday, June 19, 2025 | 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Friday, June 20, 2025 | 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Transportation Available: Call 1-800-323-2396, select option 2, and let the dispatcher know you are requesting free transportation to the cooling center.

SCE Community Resource Center**Location:** Play Your Game Rec. Center**Address:** 20 Panorama Drive, Wofford Heights, 93285**Date/Time:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025 | 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM**SCE Community Resource Vehicle****Location:** Mountain Mesa Hospital parking lot**Address:** 4361 McCray Rd., Mountain Mesa, 93240**Date/Time:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Thursday, June 19, 2025 & Friday, June, 20, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

More Information: Visit SCE's [Check Outage Status](#) page for updates, or call 2-1-1 for assistance.

CalFresh Benefit Replacement for Food Loss

Households receiving CalFresh who experience a loss of food due to a household misfortune, such as a prolonged power outage, may request a replacement of CalFresh benefits. The request must be made within **10 calendar days** of the loss.

How to report food loss and request CalFresh replacement:

- Call the Customer Assistance Telecenter at 1-877-410-8812
- In person at any DHS location
- Complete the replacement form and drop off at any DHS location, upload to BenefitsCal account, or fax to (661) 633-7498

Link to form on DHS Website:

- [CF 303 \(7/24\) - Replacement or Supplement Affidavit/Authorization](#) - English
- [Replacement or Supplement Affidavit/Authorization \(CF 303\)](#) - Spanish
- *The form may also be returned by mail, however this is not recommended as it must be received by the county within 10 days of the loss.*

Water Safety for Private Wells

Water Systems Subject to Power Outages: A water system that relies on well pump(s) or booster pump(s) that does not have a back-up source of power (generators), will lose water pressure and subsequently could allow dirty outside water to enter the water lines and contaminate the water system.

More Information: Visit Kern County Public Health for water well disinfection tips following a power outage [Disinfection of contaminated water systems and wells](#)

As more information becomes available, updates will be posted to the County website www.kerncounty.com and on the County's official social media channels.

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