



WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

During a Power Outage or Emergency



Advance planning can help you be prepared and stay connected when working or learning from home, and to keep up-to-date during an emergency. Here are some suggestions and tips to help you stay connected during an emergency or power outage.

- Consider setting up a cellphone Wi-Fi hotspot in advance of an outage or emergency. Contact your mobile carrier provider to learn more about the service and any additional fees.
- Find out where there are public Wi-Fi connections before an emergency happens, and remember you may want to consider a family or friends home if they are not effected by the same outage or emergency.
- Check with your school or work to see if they are offering a temporary public Wi-Fi connection or if they are loaning mobile hotspots.
- Don't forget! Online learning and meeting platforms can be leveraged from a mobile device such as a cellphone or tablet with a cellular subscription.
- Consider a mobile broadband device, such as a USB dongle, portable or wireless modem, car hotspot, tablet, or smart device that connects to the internet through a cellular network allowing users to access the web on their 4G or 5G devices.
- Be prepared for the unexpected by having your work or student devices and hotspot fully charged at all times.

- Invest in a portable battery power source to keep cell phones charged and to serve as a backup power source.
- Consider purchasing a larger portable battery power station or generator that can charge multiple devices, and can be used to power small appliances and electronics such as a radio, internet modem, laptop, etc.
 - Southern California Edison offers a list of products and potential rebates available at ***marketplace.sce.com***.
- Consider investing in an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) with surge protection to keep your devices operational for a period of time after an outage.
- Solar-powered chargers are an effective way to keep your devices running during a power outage. These portable chargers use sunlight to generate electricity, which can then be used to power or recharge devices such as smartphones, laptops, or even internet routers.
- Consider satellite internet service plans depending on your needs such as Starlink, HughesNet, or Viasat. Find out more on these services through the provider's website. Typically, a satellite dish and modem is needed for reliable connectivity even during power outages.
- Sign up for Outage Alert Notifications from Southern California Edison at ***sce.com/Outagealerts***. Make sure your contact information is up-to-date in your account profile at ***sce.com/mysce/login***.
- Sign up for City Emergency Alerts at ***www.chinohills.org/EmergencyAlert***.

