



Power Outage Protocols

These protocols are most specific to the Public Safety Power Shutoff advisories from PG& E, however they could apply to any gusty winds, dry condition, combined with heightened fire risk which could cause a power outage.

PLANNED POWER OUTAGE:

- If the school is notified of a planned power outage, (typically we will receive a 48 hour notice) we will notify M5Cs families of such outage, but you should plan on the school remaining **OPEN during the notice. However, you should make plans in the event the school is closed and your work may be open.**
- If the school's power is turned off as planned: we will notify M5C families as soon as we are notified via email and the parent portal: <https://m5canyons.hubbli.com/>.
- If the power is off, M5C will not open and therefore you should not bring your child to school.

UNPLANNED POWER OUTAGE:

- If the power goes out while the school is in operation, we will notify parents via phone that we have lost power and ask that you make arrangements to pick your child up within the hour.

Power Outage Resources:

Our last resort is to close the school. But the best safeguard for your family is to have a plan in the event of an extended school closure:

- Refer to the PG&E website for up to date information: <https://www.pge.com/>
- Talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and refrigerated medicines. Plan for batteries and other alternatives to meet your family's needs when the power goes out.
- Review the supplies you have at home. Have flashlights with extra batteries for every household member. Have enough nonperishable food and water to meet your basic needs for at least a few days.
- Keep mobile phones and other electric equipment charged and gas tanks full.

M5C maintains emergency food and water supplies as well as first aid kits and supplies.

Air Quality Alert Protocols

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) often issues AC Alerts (Alameda County) announcing spare the air advisories. The mixture of high temperatures and smoke can initiate an air quality alert. If the air quality index level reaches an "unhealthy" level based on the recommendation of BAAQMD*, M5C will keep the children indoors with interior circulated air. Please ensure you have notified the school if your child has asthma or other air sensitivities. Also, if the temperatures reach high temperatures, we will shorten the outdoor time and move activities indoors.

Resource: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/>*