THOMAS FIRE – EVACUATING DURING A LOSS OF POWER

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The Thomas Fire has caused power outages lasting from minutes to days. The strong winds expected to begin between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday, December 16, will bring additional stresses to the electricity delivery system, and may result in additional power losses. Residents who need to evacuate should be aware that they may have the additional challenge of evacuating in the dark.

- Make sure that you can access your vehicle. Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it, or just leave your car parked outside.
- Keep your hallways free of obstructions.
- Have flashlights ready and your important items packed in your vehicle.
- Keep your electronic devices fully charged, and have a battery backup power source available.
- Unplug as many devices as you can, and turn off any lights that were turned on when you lost power. If you can just leave one light switched on, it will help responders know when they have been successful in restoring your electricity.
- Leave a note on your front door or mailbox saying that you’ve evacuated, so that the sheriff doesn’t waste valuable time waiting for you to answer the door.

Emergency Alert System:

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at www.AwareAndPrepare.org. If we can’t reach you, we can’t alert you.
Stay Connected:

For ongoing updates, go to www.CountyofSB.org, follow @countyofsb on Twitter and Facebook, or call 2-1-1 from 805 area code or 800-400-1572 outside of 805, or text your zip code to 898-211.

Sistema de Alerta de Emergencia:

Es muy importante que las personas en el Condado de Santa Bárbara se registren para recibir alertas de emergencias. Inscribete a www.AwareAndPrepare.org, si no podemos localizarte, no podemos alertarte.

Permanece Conectado:

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