

## June 2021 Utility and Community Announcements

**Wildfire Season & Potential Public Safety Power Shutoffs** – In recent years, wildfires have intensified in California, and utilities are taking action to reduce fire risks related to utility infrastructure. Under certain conditions, through a combination of strong winds and high temperatures, there may be a heightened risk of power lines possibly igniting or strengthening a wildfire unless they are de-energized. We are committed to communicating with you about anticipated impacts in Palo Alto and want to help you prepare for a potential power outage or other emergency. We recommend that people always be prepared for emergencies and read more about urban and wildland fires at [cityofpaloalto.org/preparedness](https://cityofpaloalto.org/preparedness)

**Wonder what to do with unwanted hazardous household products** such as paints, medications, fluorescent bulbs, or cleaners? Bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Station. The HHW Station is open every Saturday from 9 – 11am and the first Friday of each month from 3 – 5pm. There are some holiday closures. For more information, visit [cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste](https://cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste) or call (650) 496-5910.

**Need to drain your pool, spa or fountain?** Discharge to your sanitary sewer cleanout instead. Learn how at [cleanbay.org](https://cleanbay.org). Draining water from any of these sources to storm drain systems can pollute creeks with copper, chlorine, sediments and other contaminants.

**This summer, let the Home Efficiency Genie be your trusted advisor for all home efficiency and electrification upgrades and programs.** The Genie Virtual Assessment provides a professional energy and water check-up of your home. They can also assess your homes readiness to use Palo Alto's clean electricity for EV charging or efficient electric appliances like heat pump space and water heating with our new Home Electrification Readiness Assessment. Learn more at [cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencygenie](https://cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencygenie)

**Take climate action without leaving your house!** Switching to all-electric appliances can make your home more comfortable and healthier for your family and the planet. Find information on rebates, contractors, FAQs and more at [SwitchIsOn.org](https://SwitchIsOn.org)

**Call before you dig!** Your safety is our number one priority. If you're planning to plant a tree, build a fence or dig in your yard for any other reason, you must call 811 to have your utilities marked. Learn more at [call811.com](https://call811.com)