

## **PSE Power Outage Update**

PSE Situation Report: Whidbey Island
Damaging winds up to 64mph and heavy
rains moved across Whidbey Island last
night knocking 37,322 customers out of
power. The wind coupled with saturated soil
from days of rain has caused fallen
vegetation and extensive damage to the
electric system (currently 34 outage events
and 29 circuit lockouts). We do not have an
estimated restoration for the Island at this
time. When an ETR is established, we will
send an update to this report.

We've opened our Emergency Coordination
Center and Island County storm base to
coordinate restoration efforts. Helicopters
are conducting ongoing damage
assessments to transmission lines.
Deception Pass Bridge was closed due to
semi-truck blown over (open as of 0844).
Crews have since been dispatched to the
Island, and we're working on bringing in outof-area crews. Areas assessed so far show

extensive damage.

Our first step in restoring power is damage assessment: getting a look at what's been done to the system and determining the extent of repairs that are needed. The process takes time and crews may be delayed, as unsafe weather remains an issue. Unsafe weather and road conditions can slow these efforts.

We understand how difficult it is to be without power - especially with so many of our customers working from home and/or navigating remote learning. Our crews will work as quickly as they can to safely assess damage and make repairs to equipment while following COVID-19 safety protocols.

The best place to find outage restoration times is by checking the PSE outage map at <a href="mailto:pse.com/outagemap">pse.com/outagemap</a>, or by using the myPSE app. Regular updates and restoration times are posted as they are available.

Safety first. Never touch or go within 35 feet of downed power lines because they might be energized. Call PSE at 1-888-225-5773 or 911 to report problems.

If you are without power, remember:

- Never use a natural gas range for heating, or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source.
- If you're using portable heaters, keep them away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials.
- Always use flashlights instead of candles.

## Report and track power outages online:

- Online outage reporting: <a href="mailto:pse.com/outage">pse.com/outage</a>
- Outage map: <u>pse.com/outagemap</u>
- myPSE mobile app: <u>pse.com/app</u>
- For general outage information, see: <a href="mailto:pse.com/advisories">pse.com/advisories</a>
- For outage preparedness tips, see: <a href="mailto:pse.com/storm">pse.com/storm</a>

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