



NEWS RELEASE #17

For Immediate Release

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THE POWER OUTAGE - Emergency Shelter and Emergency Telephone Number

Hydro One advised Haldimand County at 2:00 today that power for the south side of Caledonia may be restored late tomorrow (May 24th, 2006).

In order to address this matter, in the interim Haldimand County has

- established an Emergency Telephone Number, **905-318-5932 extension 230**; which residents can call to get current information;
- established an Emergency Shelter at the Caledonia Kinsmen Community Centre, 151 Caithness Street, East, Caledonia. The Shelter will be open overnight and tomorrow. A further update regarding hours of operation will be provided tomorrow. For information please contact the County's Emergency Phone Number (above);
- provided garbage bins at the Haldimand Caledonia Community Centre (HCCC), 100 Haddington Street, Caledonia for the disposal of spoiled food. Please refer to instructions overleaf on food safety;
- closed the Caledonia Satellite Office, 282 Argyle St. S. Caledonia. For contact information please call 905-318-5932.

As a result of overnight work by crews of Hydro One and Haldimand County Hydro, power has been restored to parts of Caledonia and surrounding areas. Hagersville, Cayuga and surrounding areas are experiencing low voltage. The need to "conserve power" remains. Those with power may not necessarily have power maintained if the system is overloaded. Avoid use of appliances such as washers, dryers, dishwashers, etc. to reduce consumption.

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If you remain at home please exercise caution in the following areas:

FOOD SAFETY

Bacteria can make food unsafe to eat. Some bacteria can cause sickness, so it's important to lower your risk of food borne illness by following these steps:

- Throw out the following foods if the electrical power to your refrigerator has been off for more than 4 hours:
 - o Raw or cooked meat, poultry and seafood
 - o Milk, cream, yoghurt, soft and semi soft cheese
 - o Cooked pasta, rice and potatoes
 - o Custard, pudding, chiffon, cheese pies
 - o Casseroles, soups, stews
 - o Refrigerated cookie dough
 - o All salads
 - o Fresh eggs and egg substitutes
 - o Cream filled pastries
 - o All food with a strange colour or odour

- Throw out all food with a strange colour or odour as soon as possible. Make sure raw meat, poultry and fish are wrapped well and kept in the coldest part of the refrigerator.
- Throw out all food that has been sitting at room temperature for more than 2 hours.
- Without electrical power, a full upright or chest freezer will keep everything frozen for about 2 days. A full half freezer will keep food frozen for 1 day. Without power, the refrigerator will keep food cold for 4 to 6 hours.
- By keeping your freezer closed, you can help your food last as long as possible. Ice can also help keep the freezer cold.
- The following foods are safe without refrigeration:
 - o Margarine or butter
 - o Fresh fruits and vegetables
 - o Peanut butter, jams and jellies
 - o Breads, uncooked pasta and flour
 - o Ketchup, barbeque sauce, mustard
 - o Unprepared powdered milk, dry and canned food
 - o Hard or processed cheese

- Infant formula should be used immediately or stored at 4°Celsius or 40 °Fahrenheit or less
- If you require information on the proper storage of medications that require refrigeration contact your local pharmacist

For Health & Social Services inquiries please call 905-765-0873

ALTERNATE SOURCES OF LIGHT, HEAT AND COOKING

- Do not use propane stoves or barbeques indoors for cooking or heating. Use candles with care.

HALDIMAND COUNTY RECYCLING

Recycling for all of Haldimand County will not be picked up for the week of May 23rd due to the power outage at the Municipal Recycling Facility. It is anticipated that normal recycling pick-up will resume the week of May 29th. Questions regarding this matter are to be referred to 905-318-5962, extension 3.

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