

NEWS RELEASE #18

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POWER RESTORED IN HALDIMAND COUNTY

Hydro One and Haldimand County Hydro worked through the night to address the power outage. Power was restored throughout the community at approximately 6:30 a.m. this morning.

The State of Emergency, which was declared due to the power outage, remains in place until the power supply is fully stabilized. There may be some interruptions in power today. Therefore it is necessary for consumers to continue to conserve power whenever possible. Please continue to avoid or minimize the use of appliances such as washers, dryers, dishwashers, etc. to reduce consumption.

CLOSURE OF EMERGENCY RECEPTION SHELTER

Effective immediately the Emergency Reception Shelter at 151 Caithness Street East, Caledonia is closed. Haldimand County thanks all volunteers who staffed the Shelter.

FOOD SAFETY AND DISPOSAL OF SPOILED FOOD

Caution should be exercised in determining if food has been contaminated. Bacteria can make food unsafe to eat. 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 half freezer will keep food frozen for 1 day. Without power, the refrigerator will keep food cold for 4 to 6 hours. For inquiries on food safety please call 905-318-5367.

The County has provided garbage bins at the Haldimand Caledonia Community Centre (HCCC), 100 Haddington Street, Caledonia where citizens can dispose of spoiled food.

HALDIMAND COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

For current information on the State of Emergency regarding the power supply please call **905-318-5932 extension 230.**

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