

# Be Safe. Be Prepared.



## Quick response to power outages

At Haldimand County Hydro we take power outages seriously, and responding to them is our first priority. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our customers for their patience, understanding and cooperation during our summer storm season. As a reminder, if you experience a power outage, please call our office anytime day or night, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



*Our dedicated staff such as lineperson apprentice Tom (left), and lineperson Mike (right) do everything in their power to restore your power quickly and safely.*

## Power outage checklist ✓

Emergency preparedness is a priority at Haldimand County Hydro and we encourage our customers to also be prepared in the event of an emergency. It is ideal to have a plan in place to manage weather-related emergencies and share it with your family. It is also recommended to be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

### SOME KEY ITEMS YOU WILL NEED DURING A POWER OUTAGE.

Visit our website for a complete list of items required for a **BASIC EMERGENCY KIT.**

-  Water -- at least two litres of water per person per day
-  Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods.
-  Manual can opener
-  Flashlight (windup or battery type) and extra batteries
-  Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each household member as well as hats and gloves
-  First aid kit

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## Haldimand County Hydro to hold light bulb exchange

It is estimated that replacing five bulbs with ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in high-use areas could save as much as \$30 a year! Haldimand County Hydro will be on hand at the Dunnville and Caledonia Canadian Tire stores to collect your old, incandescent light bulbs in exchange for a new CFL bulb. Exchange up to five incandescent bulbs for five free CFL bulbs while supplies last.

**Dunnville Canadian Tire: Saturday, September 25th from 10am to 2pm • Caledonia Canadian Tire: Saturday, October 2nd from 10am to 2pm**

This event is in conjunction with the Canadian Tire Rewards for Recycling event. Customers will receive a \$25 Canadian Tire Bonus Card\* when they bring in an old, **working** dehumidifier or room air conditioner. The Rewards for Recycling Event runs September 25th and 26th, October 2nd and 3rd .

\*Bonus card to be redeemed on future purchases at Canadian Tire. Limit of 5 of each appliance per customer. See store for details.



### Did You Know?

Canadian Tire now accepts old CFLs for recycling?



Questions? Contact our Customer Service Centre at

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# In the Community

## Power Pledge a provincial success!



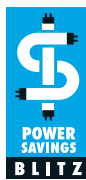
The Power Pledge campaign encouraged all Ontarians to commit to a few simple, meaningful conservation actions that save energy and money, and help protect the environment. The specific focus of the Power Pledge campaign was to reduce phantom power - the current drawn by many household electronic devices even when shut off - by using a power bar. Natural Resources Canada estimates that phantom power consumes as much as 15 percent of a household's annual use of electricity.

The Power Pledge campaign attracted more than 125,000 pledges across the province with approximately 300 from Haldimand County. Thank you to all who took the pledge.



*Pictured are Haldimand County Mayor Marie Trainer with Haldimand County Hydro President & CEO Lloyd Payne, at a Power Pledge event at Grandview Lodge in Dunnville.*

## Haldimand Insurance Brokers Ltd. benefits from Power Savings Blitz



Dennis Howden of Haldimand Insurance Brokers Ltd. in Caledonia is one of the latest small businesses to take part in the Power Savings Blitz program. Mr. Howden is very happy with the improved lighting in his office and was pleased with the service provided. Qualifying small businesses are eligible for up to \$1000 worth of FREE lighting. Call our office to see if your business is eligible.



# back to school



Hey Kids! Count Kill-A-Watt wants to remind you that conserving energy is a year-round commitment that will help our environment and protect our natural resources for years to come.



**Here are just a few examples of what you can do right now to help conserve energy.**

### AT HOME

- Turn off the lights whenever you leave a room
- Decide what you want before opening the refrigerator door
- Turn off televisions, computers and game consoles when you're finished using them

### AT SCHOOL

- Encourage your school to take conservation seriously
- Be a role model for good conservation
- Make your school leadership aware of energy waste at your school.

Talk to your teachers and your parents to find out other ways that you can start conserving at school and at home! Don't forget about Pester Power - when you pester your parents to make a positive change.

## Plan on ERIIP Notre Dame school in Caledonia retrofits lighting



*Front Row - Lou Citino (BHNCDSB Supervisor of Building Systems), Mitchell Poirier, Mrs Fraser (teacher), Kilee Lomax, Jane Albert (HCH Consumer Services Manager) and Mr. Burt (custodian). Back row - Meghan Dove and Julia Taylor.*

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCDSB) has done it again. They have retrofitted lighting at Notre Dame school in Caledonia, and participated in the Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program (ERIP) to receive \$2820. Having now completed all of their schools in Haldimand County, BHNCDSB has been able to benefit from ERIP in 4 of their 5 schools receiving over \$14,000 for their efficiency upgrades.



check us out at [www.haldimandcountyhydro.ca](http://www.haldimandcountyhydro.ca)

for new conservation programs, information and resources that will help you in your quest to become more energy efficient and safe at home, work and play.

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