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Alectra Utilities suggests charging your mobile devices and laptops, preparing an emergency kit as high winds expected

Hamilton, ON – A special weather statement has been issued for parts of Alectra Utilities' service territory due to forecasted wind gusts that could reach 80 km/h later today.

These potentially strong gusts could cause damage to powerlines. Areas with trees located near wires should take extra precaution as fallen limbs that contact power lines could cause extended outages in affected areas.

In the event of downed powerlines, stay at least 10 metres away (the length of a school bus), and call 911 immediately. To report outages, Alectra Utilities' customers should call 1-833-ALECTRA (1-833-253-2872)

Alectra's System Control Centre continuously monitors weather forecasts and storm models and mitigation strategies are being made to prepare line crews and additional field and communications staff to respond in the event the situation evolves. If you experience a power outage, you can find frequent updates through our Twitter channel [@AlectraNews](#) or by visiting the outage map on our website: alectrautilities.com.

Alectra Utilities reminds all customers of the importance of having mobile phones and laptop computers charged and preparing an emergency kit in the event of a sustained power outage. It is recommended that emergency kits include: medicine, first aid supplies, flashlights, new batteries, a battery-operated radio, a manual can opener, canned food, bottled water, blankets, food for pets and important telephone numbers for family doctors, schools, daycare and insurance companies.

About Alectra's Family of Companies

Serving more than one million homes and businesses in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe area, Alectra Utilities is now the largest municipally-owned electric utility in Canada, based on the total number of customers served. We contribute to the economic growth and vibrancy of the 17 communities we serve by investing in essential energy infrastructure, delivering a safe and reliable supply of electricity, and providing innovative energy solutions.

Our mission is to be an energy ally, helping our customers and the communities we serve to discover the possibilities of tomorrow's energy future.



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