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County Establishes Emergency Shelter and Emergency Telephone Number

In response to the possibility that the current power outage may last 2 to 3 days based on preliminary investigation, Haldimand County has:

- established an emergency telephone number, **905-318-5932 extension 230** which residents can call to get current information
- will be establishing an emergency shelter at the Cayuga Kinsmen Community Centre, 5 McKay Street, Cayuga this afternoon, May 23, 2006. For information on use and transportation call the County's Emergency Phone Number.
- will be providing garbage bins at the Haldimand Caledonia Community Centre (HCCC), 100 Haddington Street, Caledonia for the disposal of spoiled food this afternoon, May 23, 2006
- 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 Hydro, power has been restored to parts of Caledonia. Also Hagersville and Cayuga have 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.

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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, yogurt, 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

Health & Social Services-inquiries 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.

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