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Things to Remember about Winter Weather Forecasts

Winter storms can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, ice, snow, high winds, or a combination of all of these conditions. The ability to manage before and during a winter storm requires a focus on preparedness, advanced planning, and knowing: specifically knowing what the ongoing weather forecast is calling for in and around your area, both now and in the next hours and days.



Snow, ice and storm conditions can vary greatly over short distances in Alberta.

Snow or wind bands may form dropping more snow in one area and significantly less in others.





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Winter forecasts can change frequently.

Forecasts may change as new model data becomes available. Check the weather network for the latest information.



Maintain focus on the storm's impact.

Consider the full range of possibilities the storm can cause – both under current weather conditions and forecast conditions.



- Warning
- Watch
- Advisory



Know your winter weather terminology.

If an Advisory or Watch is issued, take appropriate action – hazardous weather is occurring or will occur soon. If a Warning is issued, hazardous weather is imminent and you should prepare accordingly.



Rely on a dependable source for weather information.

Choose your weather information sources wisely and follow an organisation that you can trust and that you can access in the event of a power outage. While social media posts can provide anecdotal snippets on weather issues, do not rely on social media platforms for important weather details.

For power outages, emergency power troubles and service requests, contact the distribution system operator for FENN REA: ATCO Electric

Phone toll-free: 1-800-668-2248

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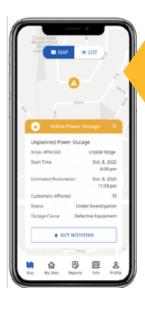
Power Outage Tips

Connect with ATCO. If you are experiencing a power outage, don't assume your neighbour has called – make the connection yourself. Visit the ATCO outage map page to report the outage online or view the current areas affected (https://electric.atco.com/en-ca/power-outages/outage-map.html). You may also call ATCO at 1-800-668-5506 or use My ATCO Electricity – Track & Report ATCO Power Outages app (see right) to stay up-to-date with power outages affecting the ATCO service area. Get notifications and view real-time outage information and report issues.

Check your main electrical panel and breaker. A blown fuse or tripped breaker can shut off your power. A quick inspection can help you determine whether one or more breaker switches may be 'off.' If you move a switch to the 'off' position and then 'on' position, you may be able to restore power.

Turn off or unplug appliances or equipment. Sensitive equipment, electronics, and appliances should be unplugged during an outage and only plugged back in after power has been restored. Appliances that were 'on' when power was lost can sometimes be forgotten during an outage and become a serious safety hazard.

Preserve heat, where possible. Close blinds and drapes and avoid opening doors to keep heat from escaping. Since most furnaces require electricity to operate, cold weather outages can make staying warm a priority. Do not use outdoor barbeques, kerosene, or camping heaters indoors, as they emit carbon monoxide.



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Image source: https://electric.atco.com/ en-ca/power-outages/outage-map.html

The 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled as follows:

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023

Location: The Legion Hall, Big Valley, Alberta

AGM Start Time: 7:30 pm

Mark your calendars

for 2023 Fenn REA AGM!

Additional information to come in the next newsletter.

Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For December 2022, the RRO is priced at \$0.25149 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For January 2023, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate for FENN REA members is \$0.13500. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit <u>ucahelps.alberta.ca</u> or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Information on FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.fennrea.com