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## **Alectra Utilities advises customers to be prepared for potential outages in wake of extreme winds**

**Mississauga** – A special weather statement has been issued for Alectra Utilities’ service territory. Strong southwesterly wind gusts could reach 110 km/h Sunday afternoon into early evening. These potentially strong gusts could cause damage to powerlines. Areas with trees located near wires should take extra precaution as fallen branches that make contact with 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:

- Brampton: 1-844-797-7920
- Guelph/Rockwood: 519-822-3014
- Hamilton: 905-522-6611
- Mississauga: 905-273-9050
- St. Catharines: 905-684-8111
- York Region/Simcoe County: 1-877-963-6900

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 visiting the outage map on our website: [www.alectrautilities.com](http://www.alectrautilities.com).

Alectra Utilities reminds all customers of the important of having 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 Utilities Corporation**

Alectra Utilities Corporation serves approximately one million customers across a 2,200 square kilometre service territory and 17 communities including Alliston, Aurora, Barrie, Beeton, Brampton, Bradford, Guelph, Hamilton, Markham, Mississauga, Penetanguishene, Richmond Hill, Rockwood, St. Catharines, Thornton, Tottenham and Vaughan. It is part of the Alectra family of companies, which also includes Alectra Inc. and Alectra Energy Solutions Inc.

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