











Welcome to the Alectra Utilities customer newsletter: your source for timely and helpful electricity news that matters to you. Stay informed with short articles about Alectra services, new developments, support programs, electricity prices, energy conservation, safety tips and much more. Do you have a topic you'd like us to cover? Send us your suggestions and feedback at: Newsletter@AlectraUtilities.com

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## Dig safe: Get a free underground cable check

This spring, what outdoor projects are you planning – building a deck or fence, putting in a pool, planting a tree or digging a new garden? April is Dig Safe Month, marking the start of our warmer seasons. Before starting to dig, get a FREE underground cable locate done, and avoid costly repairs or severe injury from hitting a buried line.

At least five days before you dig, submit a locate request at OntarioOneCall.ca. Locators from each utility with underground infrastructure in your area will come to mark the buried lines and cables. Then, dig safely: Respect the marks and follow the instructions.

Learn more about **outdoor precautions** at home.

With the recent postal service disruption and delays caused by the Canada Post strike, we want to ensure you are aware of a more convenient and reliable way to access your account. View your balance by: signing up for My EnergyView and ebilling, or hearing automated recordings at 519-822-3010. Pay your bill via: pre-authorized payments, your bank, or credit card via Paymentus online or at 1-877-273-2184.



Are you moving? Need a form? Access them online at: AlectraUtilities.com/ **GuelphForms** 



New distribution rates as of January 1, 2025. For current electricity prices in vour area. visit: AlectraUtilities.com/ **GuelphRates** 

# Not on our portal yet? Sign up today to manage your electricity account!

Get 24/7 online access to bills and transactions, your electricity usage and much more. With MyEnergy View, you can:

- Track your household's electricity usage.
- Get your current account balance, due date and payment history.
- View, save or print your current & past bills.
- Download your hourly electricity consumption data.
- Compare & switch between three rate plans: Time-of-Use, Tiered & Ultra-Low Overnight.

Switch to paperless billing. It's more convenient, reliable and secure. You can sign up to get an email notification or ebill sent to your inbox when your statement is ready, rather than waiting for the mail.



Go to AlectraUtilities.com/GuelphRegister to get started.



Thank you for participating in our customer engagement survey about future investments. Your feedback will impact what improvements and projects take place in your neighbourhood over 2027-2031 to support renewing & replacing infrastructure, meeting growing electricity demand, and enabling resiliency & modernization.

**Helping Guelph go green, one home at a time.** Guelph customers, take advantage of a new eco-conscious program from the city! Get an interest-free loan up to \$50,000 for energy-efficient home upgrades, like replacing your natural gas furnace and A/C with a heat pump. A \$15,000 grant is available for lower income households. Learn more about the Greener Homes Program.

#### We're proud to keep improving reliability through capital projects



Since 2020, Alectra has invested approximately \$1.4 billion across its service territory to improve reliability, keeping residents and businesses energized. Our ongoing projects support your community with upgraded electrical equipment and new technology & services – resulting in a stabilized grid, fewer power outages and faster service restoration. We're doing our best to provide reliable electricity for you, now and in the years to come.

Alectra's 17 communities are: Alliston, Aurora, Barrie, Beeton, Brampton, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Guelph, Hamilton, Markham, Mississauga, Penetanguishene, Richmond Hill, Rockwood, St. Catharines, Thornton, Tottenham and Vaughan. Learn more about our yearly capital plans at: AlectraUtilities.com/Improving-Reliability

### Need help with your bills? Get started with these financial programs

We understand that unexpected challenges may impact your ability to keep your Alectra bill up to date – but remember that you're still in control, and we can help.

As of May 1, 2025, the Winter Disconnection Ban will be lifted by the Ontario Energy Board, meaning disconnections will resume for customers in arrears who have defaulted on payments. If we've tried reaching out to you, it's vital that you contact us immediately to set up flexible payment arrangements to avoid any disruption in service. Call us at our dedicated customer payment support number 519-822-3010 (option 5), open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our customer representatives can get you started with one of our payment assistance programs.

**Explore our featured program for spring:** Did you know flexible payment arrangements are available, allowing you to make smaller payments each month towards your balance? Find out if you're eligible. Visit: AlectraUtilities.com/GuelphAssistance





**Scams targeting electricity customers are on the rise,** and they take on various forms. If you receive a suspicious message via phone, text, email or mail – don't panic. Never provide your credit card or account information, and never pay for a charge that isn't on your bill. Instead, verify your information directly by contacting us or checking your account via our secure portal My EnergyView. Learn more ways to protect yourself against scams.

# AlectraCARES spring events, survey results & updated focus areas



AlectraCARES is Alectra's community support program, aiming to empower and enhance the lives of people across our service territory through local organizations. Each spring, Alectra is proud to acknowledge:

- Black History Month in the month of February
- United Way charitable donations towards food security, announced Feb. 20: Read more
- The Coldest Night of the Year walk-a-thon against homelessness on Feb. 22: Read more
- International Women's Day on Mar. 8

Based on your recent survey feedback, we've updated our focus areas for 2025! Food and housing security is still a priority, and vulnerable groups like seniors, children and low-income families are a focus. See our full list & learn more at: Alectra.com/Community



After a big storm, walk around your home and take note of any damage once the area is safe. Alectra is responsible for wires running underground or overhead, poles, as well as the meter and base. The property owner's responsibility begins where the wires connect to the building. Learn more about **storm damage and repairs**.

# Explore innovation in the industry at Alectra



In November 2024, Alectra hosted a five-year anniversary event at the Green Energy & Technology (GRE&T) Centre in Guelph to celebrate the team's accomplishments in energy innovation, with guests including Guelph Mayor Cam Guthrie (right). Read more in the news release.



Curious to know what illuminating projects Alectra is working on? From automation to transit, Customer Service to Metering, each team plays a role in everyday electricity. In the latest #DiscoverAlectra video, learn how we're using artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance grid reliability. Watch now at: Alectra.com/Careers



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