

Public Advisory

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CITY INSTALLING NEW PERMANENT ELECTRIC CABLE

MEDICINE HAT – The City of Medicine Electric Utility will begin installing a new permanent electric cable this week to replace a temporary cable installed following a power outage in the Ross Glen area June 22 and 23, 2005.

The power outage occurred at 5:47 p.m. June 22, 2005 when a lightning strike caused a fault damaging a cable underneath the asphalt on Ross Glen Drive. The outage affected approximately 2,900 customers in the area.

Crews will be installing the new permanent cable down the back lane adjoining Ross Haven Avenue and Ross Haven Place across Ross Glen Drive through the grassed area across from the Medicine Hat Lodge Hotel. At the time of crossing, traffic flow on Ross Glen Drive will be reduced to one lane. Construction is expected to last from 8 a.m. July 6 to 4 p.m. July 8.

Residents have been advised that there will be no access to their back lane during this time and to be prepared for early garbage pickup on July 6.

“Although this work should not result in any interruption to service, if people experience any power outages, we encourage them to contact the Electric Utility Power Outages at 529-8260,” says Gary Bailey, Electric Distribution Supervisor.

The following is a list of what to do during a power outage:

- If the power goes off, stay calm. Turn on your battery-powered radio or TV for news updates about the situation.
- Have at least one non-cordless or cellular phone in your house.
- Refer to your preparedness plan, if you have one. If not, review this list of suggestions on how to prepare for a power outage.
- Check for "blown" fuses or make sure your circuit breakers are in the "on" position. Also check the main breaker; turn off and then turn on to reset the main breaker.

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- Avoid opening entry doors, to keep cool air inside and warmer air outside.
- Leave one light on to indicate when the power has been restored. When power is restored, wait a few minutes before turning on lights and appliances -- turn them on one at a time.

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