

POWER SURGE IN HALTON HILLS LEADS TO SEVERAL FIRES IN THE AREA

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Halton Hills firefighters had a very busy morning last week.

Following a power surge several fires were reported. The local department responded to over 50 calls, with residents saying they heard loud pops and could smell something burning in their homes.

Oakville and Milton fire departments assisted Halton Hills in handling calls.

Toronto Premium Outlets, near the Halton Hills-Milton border, was also evacuated after reports of smoke.

Firefighters were on scene at homes in south Georgetown at Lookout Crescent and Ballantine Drive.

Halton Hills Hydro advised residents that while power was restored, residents should not turn their power back on until the utility company has cleared their home.

Halton Hills Hydro confirmed the power outage affected nearly 4,000 customers in Halton Hills caused by a pole fire. Several residents reported popping noises, sparking, or smoke from outlets. Halton Hills Hydro advised residents who think



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Halton Hills Fire attended a home after reports of smoke from the residence following a power surge on May 16.

they experienced damage to call a licensed electrician to inspect the home as soon as possible.

Residents experiencing power problems are advised not to reset their breakers until an electrician has inspected. A licensed electrical contractor can be found at findacontractor.esasafe.com.

Hydro customers were asked to report problems directly. Halton Hills Hydro can be reached at 519-853-3701.

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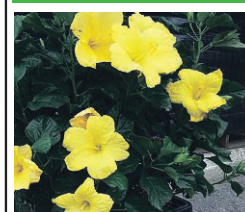
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