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Power outages worse in Stouffville?

Sales no longer just about affordability

BY JIM MASON
 Staff Writer

It should have been one of the busiest days of the year for Steve Balsdon.

But instead of watching shoppers cart groceries out of his family's Stouffville store, he was throwing out formerly frozen food.

A power outage that left Stouffville in the dark for 12 hours last Wednesday night and Thursday morning destroyed \$25,000 worth of food at Steve & Liz's No Frills.

"I'm really disappointed in this town," he said, after throwing out 30 buggies of frozen goods.

"People are asking if they can buy hamburgers and I have to tell them, 'No, I don't have any.'"

Mr. Balsdon would like the hydro system in Stouffville updated to prevent lengthy outages.

"All around us, in Markham, in Uxbridge, they're OK. But not in Stouffville," he said.

Hydro One has been investing in upgrading the town's utility, Hydro One spokesperson Al Manchee said, explaining the power outage "was just as a result of the storm".

Trees were blown down by high winds, causing them to fall

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Generational jump



Cole Doner, 7, grandson of area farmer John Doner has fun leaping about tree branches during the Doner Farm 200th anniversary Saturday. See page 5 for Jim Thomas' column on the pioneer family.

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Organic waste drive coming

Blue box collection to be increased to weekly pick-up

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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Whitchurch-Stouffville residents will get their chance — in about a year — to sort the yucky part of their garbage to cut down on waste.

The municipality is implementing a new garbage, sorting and recycling system that includes putting organic waste into a separate bin.

In about six months, you'll be hearing much more about the new system at public meetings, in printed materials and through opinion polls.

That's to give you a chance to get used to the new way of recycling and to dispel any myths about the process.

When the program starts, you'll receive a small container that can be mounted under the kitchen sink as well as a large container that can be wheeled out to the curb.

You will be encouraged to line the small wet garbage bucket with plastic grocery bags to streamline the process. You'll be tossing in many things that go 'splat', including food scraps, soiled paper towels and tissues, paper coffee cups and plates, diapers and sanitary products, even animal waste and bedding and pet food.

The plastic bags will be processed as part of the organic waste recycling process.

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