



SAFETY ALERT



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Returning Home Safely from Prolonged Absences - Gas and Electric Safety

Summary

Homeowners and businesses in Nova Scotia should take precautions with gas and electrical appliances if there is the potential for fire, evacuation, or loss of power.

How to safely evacuate your home

In the event of an active evacuation order, follow the instructions of authorities. Do not remain in your home or business.

If time allows, follow these tips:

- Unplug non-essential electrical appliances.
- Ensure that all valves and power knobs on appliances and systems are turned off.
- If your home or business has natural gas or propane, turn off the gas supply only if you are certain of the correct procedure to do so.



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Returning home after an evacuation order

Only return to your home once the area of occupancy has been declared safe to enter by the proper authorities. Follow these precautions when returning home:

- **Follow** all safety requirements provided by the authorities (police and fire officials).
- **Do not** attempt to operate any natural gas or propane fueled equipment that has been exposed to fire or water until it has been checked by a licensed technician.
- If you smell rotten eggs, it could be natural gas or propane gas. **Leave the area immediately** and call your gas utility, propane supplier, or 911; and
- **Do not** plug in or turn on any water-damaged appliance or system. Call a certified gas and electrical contractor to do an inspection first.

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