

Cold Load Pickup



What causes Cold Load Pickup?

When power is restored after an outage, electricity rushes to all appliances and electronics left in the 'on' position.

This causes the system to **overload** and can potentially result in additional damage to the system or another outage.

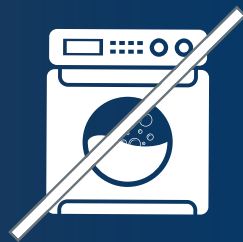


How can we prevent Cold Load Pickup?

Customers should **switch off all appliances and electronics** and turn down the heat by 10° to 15° during an outage.



Hydro asks customers in colder regions of the province to pay particular attention during an outage.



Then **wait 10 minutes** after power restoration before turning up electric heat or turning on appliances. This will allow the system to stabilize.

