

# HOTT WIRE

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# 2025 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we welcome 2025, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your continued support and trust. It is because of amazing people like you that make our community what it is.

We're excited for the year ahead, filled with new opportunities, fresh beginnings, and exciting adventures. Here's to making 2025 our best year yet—full of growth, success, and unforgettable moments!

Wishing you a year of happiness, health, and prosperity. Thank you for being part of our journey. Let's make this year extraordinary!



Our HOTT staff and volunteers on our annual fundraising walk back in October!



## Welcome!

Meet the newest member of our staff team, Abdou! As part of our maintenance team, you will see him around the properties. Say hello and introduce yourselves!



# LET'S STAY SAFE IN 2025!



## Winter Tips



Close your windows to prevent the pipes and radiators from freezing

Layer your clothes when heading outside

Use a humidifier to help with the dry air

Store your wet shoes in a tray by the door

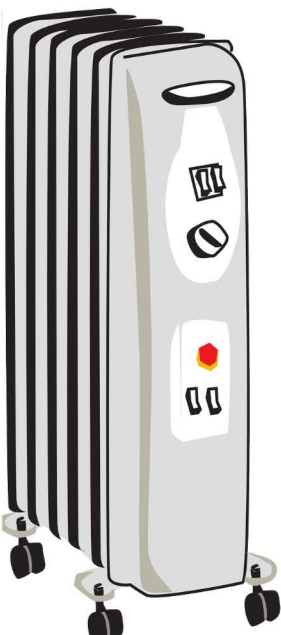
Storing tires indoors is against the fire code.

This includes lockers. Please ensure they are stored off-site.



## How to safely use portable heaters

Place the heater on a hard, level, nonflammable surface. They are intended to sit on the floor, not on a table. Only plug them into wall outlets, never into extension cords.



Establish a 3-foot kid- and pet-free zone around the heater, and never put a space heater in a child's room.

Keep the space heater at least 3 feet away from combustible materials, such as furniture, bedding, and curtains. A taller heater may need to be even farther away.

Turn it off when you leave the room or go to bed.

Unplug the heater when it's not in use by pulling the plug straight from the outlet. Check the cord for damage periodically, and don't use the heater if the cord is frayed or worn.

Don't plug another electrical device or an extension cord into the same outlet as a heater because that can cause a fire.



## Tips during a power outage

Check if the outage is limited to your home. If your neighbours have power, your main circuit breaker may have tripped. You'll know this has happened when the switch is halfway between the "off" and "on" position. Here is how you can safely reset it:

- 1 Unplug any appliance that you suspect may have caused the overload

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- 2 Using a flashlight, open your electrical panel

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- 3 Flip it firmly to "off", then back "on" again

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- 4 If the breaker trips again, don't reset it. Contact our HOTT maintenance team and we will investigate.



### Is the whole neighbourhood affected?

If everyone on your street is without power, report your neighbourhood outage online at

[torontohydro.com/reportoutage](https://torontohydro.com/reportoutage)

or by calling

416-542-8000.

## Lithium-ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries are used to power many kinds of devices like smart phones, laptops, e-scooters, e-bikes, and toys. Improper charging and mistreatment can cause these batteries to explode and catch fire quickly.

To help prevent this: only use charging cords and batteries designed for the device, don't charge a device on your bed or couch, avoid overcharging devices, do not place batteries in direct sunlight or vehicles, store away from anything that can catch fire, and crushing, bending, or dropping devices and chargers.

Lithium-ion batteries are hazardous waste. Do not place batteries in garbage bin, recycling bin, or green bin. Place batteries in a clear plastic bag or seal the terminals with non-conductive tape (clear packing or electrical) and take batteries to a City drop off depot for disposal.





## Houses Opening Today Toronto's Position on Discrimination

Houses Opening Today Toronto Inc. (HOTT) is committed to creating and maintaining a positive and professional environment that respects the dignity, self-worth, and human rights of every individual, and is free from any form of discrimination or harassment.



### Word List

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| COATS   | SHOVEL  |
| GLOVES  | SNOWMAN |
| HOLIDAY | SOUP    |
| MITTENS | WEATHER |



### Office Hours



75 Blantyre Avenue

Tuesday: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

269 Jarvis Street

Tuesday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Thursday: 2:00pm - 7:00pm

### HOTT Resident Feature

This newsletter is for you, our residents, and we would love to hear from you!

We are inviting anyone who is interested to submit their personal artwork, stories, photographs, or other creative work to us. If you are comfortable, we can publish it in the next edition of the newsletter!

Please contact us if you would like to participate.



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See you next time!

