



Policy Topic: Power Outage - Emergency Generator Backup Policy		
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The Town of Fogo Island has implemented the following amended Emergency Generator Back-up Policy for the communities of Tilting and Seldom. Please note when power is off, whether scheduled or unscheduled, it is not just the supply of water we must consider but also where that water goes. Our lift stations collect our wastewater which would also need generator power to empty as it collects.

Scheduled Power Interruption

Prior to a scheduled power interruption Council is recommending residents, in advance of the outage, fill containers with the necessary water their household will require for flushing toilets, cooking and general use for the duration of the outage. The Town, depending on the length of the outage, will determine whether a temporary generator is required to provide water services and lift station services to the residents.

Unscheduled Power Interruption

Unscheduled power interruptions often occur during the winter season and winter storms. During winter storms the priority for Town staff is to clear snow and storm drains, do emergency road repairs and any number of tasks to maintain and protect Town infrastructure in case Fire Services or Ambulance Services need to be deployed. In this type of scenario, during inclement weather, a timeline for providing back-up generator service for water supply and lift station services will be decided based on giving priority to safety as opposed to convenience.

The Town is committed to alleviating hardship for residents during power outages however we must respond responsibly and safely. A specific timeline for providing temporary back up generator power for water services and lift station services will not be set in stone. Management, using various means of information such as weather conditions, updates from the utility and other factors will determine if and when action is required.

Many factors are involved when providing Town services and consideration must be given carefully before action is taken.