



Lightning and electrical surges are totally unpredictable, and the results can be devastating.

The following tips will help ensure you never have to experience them..

- Install CSA/ULC approved surge protectors on major appliances.
- Use fuses rated at 15 amps or less, and install fuse rejection mechanisms.
- Use only 'D' rated fuses for appliances with electric motors, such as furnaces, dryers and air conditioners, and 'P' rated for ranges, baseboard heaters and all other equipment.
- Do not use extension cords permanently, and only use cords that are not nailed to baseboards, doors or windows, have no splices in them and aren't worn or bare.

Should you continue to have lightning and electrical problems, ask the local hydro authority if your service is the last on the circuit line. Lightning strikes up the line often follow the line to the final service. This can be prevented by hydro installing another pole or two beyond the last service, to dead-end lightning strikes and surges.