

SASKPOWER WOOD POLE INSPECTIONS

May 2024

There are over 1.2 million wood power poles throughout Saskatchewan. To help ensure safe and reliable power, we conduct annual wood pole inspections to look for damage and decay and carry out maintenance to extend the life of the poles.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

This year, SaskPower contractors are inspecting almost 105,000 wood power poles. We'll also be performing ground grid testing on almost 10,000 rural overhead transformers and installing wildfire protection on 1,000 poles in high-risk areas in the north. We won't need to disrupt your power to get this work done.



For wood pole inspections, we'll be looking for damage, signs of decay and carpenter ant infestation.

Where we can, we repair or reinforce the pole to extend its life and keep it in service.

Poles that do not qualify for continued service will either be reinforced, replaced or integrated into a future line rebuild.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our top priority is to ensure your health and safety, and the health and safety of our crews, while maintaining reliable power.

Our crews will stay within the SaskPower right-of-way as much as possible but may occasionally need access to your property. They'll be wearing high-visibility clothing, will carry identification, and their vehicles will be marked with their company logo.

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2024 INSPECTION SCHEDULE

Pole inspection schedule by district (all numbers approximate, dates subject to change):

- North Battleford Rural (17,108 poles) – May to August
- Maple Creek (21,603 poles) – May to August
- Humboldt (18,995 poles) – May to August
- Yorkton area (18,115 poles) – August to October
- Meadow Lake area (12,653 poles) – August (wildfire protection also to be installed in this district in the Fall)
- North Battleford City (3,314 poles) – September
- Prince Albert City (7,799 poles) – September and October
- Regina City Northwest (4,272 poles) – October
- LaRonge (1180 poles) – October

2024 GROUND TESTING SCHEDULE

Rural overhead transformer ground grid testing schedule by district (all numbers approximate, dates subject to change):

- Swift Current (2,297 poles) – May and June
- Moose Jaw (1,265 poles) – June
- Fort Qu'Appelle (1,112 poles) – June
- Canora (904 poles) – July

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- Melfort (1,333 poles) – July
- Prince Albert City (693 poles) – July and August
- Estevan (2,023 poles) – August
- Regina City NE (131 poles) – August
- Regina City S (43 poles) – August
- LaRonge (200 poles) – September