

SASKPOWER WOOD POLE INSPECTIONS

June 2023

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 will be inspecting almost 97,000 wood power poles and conducting overhead transformer ground grid testing at over 8,200 rural locations throughout the province. Wildfire protection will also be installed on 2,000 poles in selected lines in the forested area in the La Ronge district.



We're 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. If we can't repair or reinforce it, the pole will be replaced.

We won't need to disrupt your power to get this work done.

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.

The contractor for this work is Central Pole Inspections and Maintenance Inc. Crews will stay within the SaskPower right-of-way as much as possible, but may occasionally need access to your property. They will wear high-visibility clothing and carry identification with them. Their vehicles will be marked with their company logo.

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2023 SCHEDULE

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

- Swift Current (18,739 poles) – Early June to end of July
- Moose Jaw (21,601 poles) – Early June to end of July
- Melfort (15,020 poles) – Early June to end of July
- Canora (12,148 poles) – Late July to mid-September
- Fort Qu'Appelle (12,730 poles) – Early June to late July
- Regina City Northeast (3,052 poles) – Early August to mid-August
- Estevan (9,113 poles) – Early August to early September
- La Ronge (4,328 poles) – Late September to late October (wildfire protection also to be installed in this district)

Over the winter months, the contractor will also return to these districts to replace any defective guy guards which were identified through pole inspections.

Rural overhead transformer ground grid testing schedule by district (subject to change):

- Maple Creek, Regina Rural, Regina City Northwest (3,013 test sites) – Early June to late July
- North Battleford Rural, North Battleford City, Yorkton, Humboldt (3,737 test sites) – Late July to early October
- Meadow Lake, La Ronge (1,463 Test Sites) – October