



The Government of Sark

MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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PRESS RELEASE

DISRUPTION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Dear Resident of Sark

You will be aware by now that Sark may experience an interruption in the supply of electricity.

The Chief Pleas of Sark is working to resolve this issue and to ensure the continuation of an adequate electricity supply. Our aim is to minimise the impact this will have to all businesses, households and families etc

You need to be aware of what effect this potential disruption may have on your home or business in the hours immediately following such an interruption, should it take place, and **how to contact the Help Points (see over)**. Each home or business will be affected differently depending on your appliances and how they are operated. We do not know how long such an interruption would last, but the Government is doing all it can to resolve this difficult situation as quickly as possible.

Impact of loss of supply

With no mains electricity there will be:

- No electric light
- No functioning borehole pumps means no clean water. Ultra-violet units will also not function. Please use water carefully, and boil thoroughly if necessary or buy bottled water
- There will be no water to flush toilets, please use any water from your water butts and cisterns if you have them.

- Electric cookers will not work, nor gas cookers that rely on electronic ignition etc, AGAs may rely on oil pumps so may also stop working
- Freezers will keep their temperature for some hours if not opened and are insulated
- Some medication needs to be kept refrigerated, **please contact the Help Point for medical emergencies (see below)** if this applies to you or your neighbour
- The landline telephones will work if plugged directly into a phone line, but phones that use a base power unit will not work. Mobile phones and laptops will work until the battery fails
- Mobility buggies cannot be recharged once the battery is flat, if your neighbour relies on one for shopping etc. please offer to help
- Please check on your neighbours, particularly if they are a young family, or are elderly or infirm, make sure they are comfortable and well
- Businesses that rely on tills and card machines will be disrupted until the power returns
- IOSS will continue normally, but ticketing may be disrupted

There will be key hubs of electricity to keep essential services available until the island has a full service restored. Water for drinking will be made available.

The Help Point for further information help and assistance

Should Sark lose electricity for any period of time the Assembly Room will be manned 24/7 for advice and assistance until the power supply is back to normal.

The Assembly Room Help Point can be contacted on 833028 or in person.

Call the Help Point for medical emergencies on 832045 first or 999.

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