

Why Saskatchewan is installing **SMART METERS**

SaskPower is running a smart meter pilot project for 7,500 commercial and industrial meters.

Want to know more about smart meters in general?

1. How is a smart meter different from a regular electric meter?

A “smart” meter is a regular meter with a smart module in it. The module enables two-way communications between your meter and SaskPower.

2. What's the benefit of a smart meter?

Smart meters will result in fewer billing estimates. They also will provide you with more control and access to your power consumption information online. In the longer term, a smart grid will mean shorter outages because we'll be able to track and report the causes of outages and equipment failures more accurately.

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Saskatchewan needs a “smart” grid to meet the target of having up to 50 per cent of its power come from renewable sources by 2030. Managing significant wind and solar power means we need to be able to see what's happening across the system, and smart meters are a building block to enable this.

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4. When will SaskPower be installing a smart meter onto my house?

Right now, we're working on a pilot project with our commercial customers. We are not installing any residential meters at this time.

5. Are these the same smart meters SaskPower installed in 2014?

We're using a different meter model than what was installed in 2014.

6. How do you know these are safe?

We've gone above and beyond industry standards to develop our own rigorous specifications for smart meters. Any new meter we use needs to pass inspections by a third party for failing safely and operating in extreme temperatures.

More than 85 per cent of meters in Canada are smart meters. Smart technology is tried and tested – most of us are already using smart phones and other products like smart televisions and smart thermostats.

Still have questions? You can view more information online at saskpower.com/smartgrid.
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