

# Simplified Landlord Checklist

## Electrical Safety

### Appliances

- Make sure all electrical appliances have a CSA (Canadian Standards Association) or a ULC (Underwriters Laboratories of Canada) label. Appliances without one of these labels are not approved for use under the Ontario Electrical Safety Code.
- Check for warning signs of wiring problems such as:
  - Dim, flickering or surging lights
  - Fuses that always blow or breakers that trip often
  - Outlets that don't work after being reset or after fuse is replaced
  - Switches or fuses that are hot to the touch. Turn them off immediately!

If you suspect wiring or other electrical problems, hire a qualified electrical contractor. You can find one in your area by [clicking here](#).

- Don't use electrical mowers on wet grass
- Don't use electrical tools in the rain, snow or near water

For safety information related to doing work on the outside of your building such as painting on a ladder, tree trimming or yardwork, [click here](#).

Visit [www.esasafe.com](http://www.esasafe.com) for the most up-to-date electrical safety information and for information related to the Ontario Electricity Safety Code.

### Extension cords and plugs

- Replace any broken or missing plug covers immediately
- Ensure the proper extension cord is being used (for example, indoor vs outdoor, specific cords for heaters and air conditioners)
- Stop using and get rid of cords that are frayed, squished, cracked or heat up when in use
- Don't run cords under carpets or heavy materials
- Ensure outlets are not overloaded with too many things plugged in
- Install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) in bathrooms, laundry rooms and outdoors

Mixing water and electricity can result in fatal accidents! Radios, hairdryers and other appliances in the bathroom are hazardous when used near water.

For additional information, please visit [www.torontohydro.com](http://www.torontohydro.com) and [www.esasafe.com/](http://www.esasafe.com/)