CANADA BATTERY FIRE

When a shelter-in-place advisory was lifted — then reinstated

Sunbank Solar/Battery Farm | Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada

1. **Monday, September 7, 2026**
   About 5:30 a.m.
   A fire began in a battery bank at the Sunbank facility.
2. **Monday, September 7, 2026**
   Shortly before 7:00 a.m.
   Authorities issued a voluntary shelter-in-place advisory for nearby residents due to potentially hazardous smoke.
3. **Monday, September 7, 2026**
   About 1:30 p.m.
   A voluntary evacuation notice was added for residents within approximately 500 metres of the facility.
4. **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**
   The fire remained active. Nearby schools were closed and residents were still under emergency precautions.
5. **Wednesday, September 9, 2026**
   Around 4:00 p.m.
   Officials announced the voluntary shelter-in-place advisory was lifted.
6. **Wednesday, September 9, 2026**
   That evening
   Following a flare-up, the advisory was reinstated, including instructions to close windows, shut off outside-air ventilation, and keep pets indoors.
7. **Thursday, September 10, 2026**
   Evening
   The advisory was lifted again.
8. **Friday, September 11, 2026**
   Schools reopened.
9. **September 12 – 13, 2026**
   Firefighters continued monitoring the batteries as the remaining fire burned. A further flare-up was reported on September 12.



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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- A shelter-in-place advisory can be lifted and then reinstated if conditions change, as happened on September 9, 2026.
- Even after advisories are lifted, battery fires can continue to smolder or flare up for days.
- Nearby schools and residents can be affected for multiple days.

WHY THIS MATTERS HERE

- Where will you and your children be when an incident occurs?
- Clear and fast communication is going to be essential. Can you trust the warning system?
- Local emergency plans should address how and when shelter-in-place orders are issued, lifted, or reinstated.

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