

## City opens two more temporary garbage drop-off sites and announces two will close

TORONTO, July 3 /CNW/ - The City of Toronto opened two more temporary drop-off sites at 3 p.m. today for the disposal of residential and Yellow Bag garbage. The two new sites, Centennial Arena Community Centre and Wilket Creek/Sunnybrook Park, join the existing drop-off sites in being open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. These sites continue to supplement the seven waste transfer stations that have been in operation since the beginning of the strike.

One of the City's original drop-off sites, York Mills Arena, at the southeast corner of York Mills and Bayview, has reached capacity and will close at end of day today. Another site at Christie Pits is expected to be full by end of day Sunday and will close Sunday at 7 p.m.

When bringing waste to any drop-off site, the public should combine Green Bin materials with other garbage and ensure it is double-bagged and securely tied. Residents can also help elderly and disabled neighbours by offering to take their garbage to a drop-off site.

It is possible these locations may be picketed, so there may be delays at the site and residents are asked to be patient and cooperative.

A map of the city indicating the locations of the temporary garbage drop-off sites including the seven transfer stations can be found at [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca). These sites will accept waste from people living in houses, apartments and condominiums and from those living above commercial businesses, as well as waste from the City's Yellow Bag commercial customers (business identification may be required).

### Two new temporary drop-off sites:

Centennial Arena Community Centre 1967 Ellesmere Rd. Enter off Dolly Varden Blvd., south of Ellesmere	Wilket Creek / Sunnybrook Park 1132 Leslie St. Enter off Leslie St. just north of Eglinton Ave. E. Proceed to southern-most parking lot
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### Other temporary drop-off sites:

Ted Reeve Arena Northeast corner of Main St. & Gerrard St. E.	Villiers St. Paved roadway between Saulter St. and Cherry St.
Sunnyside Park Parking area south of Lake Shore Blvd. W., between Ellis Ave. and Colborne Lodge Dr. (must be east-bound on Lake Shore to access)	Sir Casimir Gzowski Park Parking area south of Lake Shore Blvd. W., west of Sunnyside Park (must be east-bound on Lake Shore to access)
Eglinton Flats (1) Enter off Eglinton Ave., east of Jane St.	Eglinton Flats (2) Enter off Emmett Ave., west of Jane St.
Etienne Brule Park Old Mill Rd. at Catherine St., east of Humber River	George Bell Arena 215 Ryding Ave., south of St. Clair Ave. W., east of Runnymede Rd.
Christie Pits (open until Sunday, 7 p.m.) Enter off Crawford St., north of	North Toronto Memorial Arena North of Eglinton Ave., east of Oriole Pkwy., enter off Edith Dr.

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Moss Park South of Shuter St., north of Queen St. E., west of Sherbourne St.	580 Herbert H. Carnegie Centennial Arena Finch Ave. W., in parking lot
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Caledonia Park 1135 Caledonia Rd., in parking lot	Earlscourt Park West side of Lansdowne Ave., north of Davenport Rd.
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Taylor Creek Park Enter off Haldon Ave., in parking lot at end of roadway	Scarborough Arena 75 Birchmount Rd., in parking lot
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Wishing Well Park In parking lot, north of 401, west side of Pharmacy Ave. (south of Sheppard Ave. E.)	Highland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant 51 Beechgrove Dr., in parking lot at end of Beechgrove Dr.
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The temporary drop-off locations were selected based on the following criteria:

- the site is a City-owned property;
- preference is given to existing paved areas to minimize environmental impacts;
- is close to and reasonably accessible by the community;
- has vehicular access;
- there is reasonable distance away from residential buildings; and
- has the capacity to hold a large volume of waste if necessary.

Garbage stored at the temporary sites will be contained within a fenced enclosure. Residents must place all waste in the fenced area only. The sites will have 24-hour security and will be monitored by City staff.

The locations will also be managed with professional pest and odour controls. All sites have received approval from the provincial Ministry of the Environment for use as temporary garbage storage sites. Inspectors from Toronto Public Health will monitor the sites to ensure public health is not compromised.

Once a site is closed, it will continue to be patrolled by both security and City staff and all health and environmental protection measures will continue to be implemented.

Residents should continue to store recyclables, yard waste and bulky items until the strike is over. Once their Blue Bin is full, residents should store recyclables in clear plastic bags. They should also postpone garden trimming and pruning and backyard compost yard waste and organics where possible.

All Toronto residents are asked:

- Not to throw garbage onto streets, into laneways or parks
- Not to leave waste in or around City litter bins. These will not be emptied during the disruption.

The City will not condone illegal dumping, which would include dropping waste near, but not within the fencing of the drop off sites, as well as other locations such as City parks or streets. City bylaw officers will monitor the sites and the fine for illegal dumping starts at \$380.

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