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Few residents allowed back to 'hot zone'

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They're mad as hell.

Downsview residents couldn't hold back the anger as they spent the third day since Sunday's propane explosion blocked off from their homes.

Most fled for their lives when the Sunrise Propane facility in their neighbourhood burst into flames around 4 a.m.

Some residents in the streets around the Murray St. propane facility, the "hot zone," still aren't being allowed to go home. Several desperate to see their homes continue to show up at the police barricades only to be turned away.

Fire officials are appealing for patience as they continue to clear asbestos out of the area.

Another handful of houses are expected to be open by noon but officials stressed not everyone will be allowed back into their homes.

A coroner's van is at the scene of the Downsview explosion this morning to remove the body found inside the scene of the deadly blast.

Toronto Police have yet to identify the body but say a post-mortem is scheduled for later this week.

A Sunrise Propane employee believed to be caught in the blast remains unaccounted for.