

Garbage Collection

Houses

Residential curbside garbage, green bin and recycling collection is cancelled in all areas of the City except Etobicoke.

All city-wide yard waste, white goods (e.g., fridges and stoves), household hazardous waste, ElectroVan and HazMobile collection is cancelled, including in Etobicoke.

Residents are encouraged to properly package and store their garbage where possible. Continue to separate Green Bin materials, recyclables and other garbage. Please do not place any items out at the curb.

Each bag of waste must not weigh more than 20 kg (44 lbs) in accordance with [Municipal Code Chapter 844-14 B \(see general requirements on page 15\)](#).

For houses with no collection services:

During the strike, you may drop off your garbage at one of seven transfer stations or at any of the temporary drop-off locations across Toronto. Hours of operation and directions are [provided below](#). You may experience delays at the sites. Your patience, understanding and cooperation is appreciated during this time.

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Temporary drop-off sites have been opened at a number of locations for the duration of the strike. All sites are approved by the Ministry of the Environment for use as temporary garbage storage sites. Toronto Public Health inspectors monitor all sites daily. Professional [pest and odour control measures](#) are in place at all temporary locations.

Pest control includes spraying and traps. The chemical in the spray is the same one used in shampoos to treat head lice and is half the concentration found in the shampoo. The sprays are quick-drying and are broken down by exposure to sunlight. The spray is applied directly to the garbage on site and there is minimal drifting of the spray. The bait in the traps is secured in locked, anchored and tamper-proof stations.

Following visits by Toronto Public Health on July 3 to several of the temporary garbage drop-off sites and in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, the City amended its spraying protocol. Daily spraying for odour control continues, however now pest control spraying is based on results of a daily individual site inspection. This has the potential to reduce the amount of pest control spraying.

The City will not be removing garbage from the temporary drop-off sites as there are insufficient resources to transfer and dispose of the garbage, and remediate the sites (clean and sanitize) so they can return to public use. Access to transfer stations and the temporary drop-off sites is also limited. The full, closed sites will continue to be patrolled and monitored by both security and City staff for the duration of the strike, and all health and environmental protection measures will continue to be implemented.

Please continue to store recyclables, yard waste and bulky items until normal City services resume. Once your Blue Bin is full, continue to store recyclables in clear plastic bags. Residents should continue to separate Green Bin materials from other garbage until they require disposal. When bringing materials for disposal, please combine Green Bin materials

with other garbage, place in securely tied, double plastic bags and bring to any of the drop-off locations. Each bag of waste must not weigh more than 20 kg (44 lbs) in accordance with [Municipal Code Chapter 844-14 B \(see general requirements on page 15\)](#).

To minimize the amount of waste, please:

- Postpone garden trimming and pruning
- Use a backyard composter for yard waste and organics (no meat or dairy products should be composted)

Residents are asked:

- To help elderly and persons with disabilities in their neighbourhood by offering to take their garbage to the designated nearest drop-off locations
- Not to throw garbage onto streets, into laneways or parks
- Not to leave litter or waste at litter bins. These will not be emptied during the disruption

Deliveries of pre-ordered new and additional residential Garbage and Blue Bins will continue.

Existing requests for repairs or exchanges of residential bins will be postponed until the labour disruption has ended.

When normal City services resume, residents will be able to put out their additional garbage, without requiring the use of a bag tag, and it will be picked up free of charge.

[Facts](#) about Toronto's Green Bin program.

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Apartment Buildings and Condominiums

Garbage collection will continue in most apartment and condominium buildings. Recycling collection will continue in some buildings. [Check this list](#) to determine if collection at your building will continue. In buildings where organics collection is already provided, this service will continue.

If your building's name and address does not appear on the list, it means your collection service is cancelled during the labour disruption. Affected residents have the option of dropping off their waste for free at either an official temporary garbage drop-off site or City transfer station (see below list of all these locations, including a map). Please double bag your waste using regular garbage bags. Each bag of waste must not weigh more than 20 kg (44 lbs) in accordance with [Municipal Code Chapter 844-14 B \(see general requirements on page 15\)](#).

Apartment and condo superintendents:

- Please have containers ready for collection the night before as collection times and days may vary.

Apartments above businesses

Collection from apartments above businesses is cancelled across the city, including in Etobicoke.

[Information](#) for small businesses and apartments above commercial in Etobicoke.

Commercial - Yellow bag program customers only

- Yellow bag program collection is cancelled.
- Each bag of waste must not weigh more than 20 kg (44 lbs) in accordance with [Municipal Code Chapter 844-14 B \(see general requirements on page 15\)](#).
- Yellow bag customers may deliver their waste to a transfer station or a temporary garbage drop-off site free of charge. There is no need to use a yellow bag. Please double bag waste in regular plastic garbage bags.
- Yellow bag customers dropping off a large number of bags should be prepared to show either a business card or business letterhead to identify themselves as program customers.

Commercial - all other businesses (non-yellow bag customers)

- Commercial waste from all other businesses will be weighed and subject to a \$100 per tonne tip fee. **All odorous commercial waste must be double bagged.**

Garbage drop-off locations

[Notice on new temporary garbage drop-off sites](#) (PDF)

All residential waste will be accepted free of charge. All must be double-bagged. Each bag of waste must not weigh more than 20 kg (44 lbs) in accordance with [Municipal Code Chapter 844-14 B \(see general requirements on page 15\)](#).

Transfer Stations

Two transfer stations are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to accept both residential and commercial garbage.

Bermondsey Transfer Station

188 Bermondsey Rd
(Eglinton Ave. E. & Victoria Park Ave. area)

Ingram Transfer Station

50 Ingram Dr
(Keele St. & Eglinton Ave. W. area)

In addition, five transfer stations are open 12 hours a day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week to accept both residential and commercial garbage.

Disco Transfer Station

120 Disco Rd
(Dixon Rd. & Carlingview Dr area)

Dufferin Transfer Station

35 Vanley Cr
(Chesswood Dr & Sheppard Ave. W. area)

Victoria Park Transfer Station

3350 Victoria Park Ave
(Victoria Park Ave & Finch Ave. E. area)

Commissioners Street Transfer Station


400 Commissioners St

(Lake Shore Blvd. E. & Logan Ave area)

Scarborough Transfer Station

1 Transfer Pl

(Markham Rd & Sheppard Ave. E. area)

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Temporary drop-off sites:

Temporary drop-off sites 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
- the site is close to and reasonably accessible by the community
- the site has vehicular access
- there is reasonable distance away from residential building
- the site has the capacity to hold a large volume of waste if necessary

Garbage stored at temporary sites is contained within a fenced enclosure. Place all waste in the fenced area only. The sites have 24-hour security are monitored by City staff and are managed with professional pest and odour controls. All sites have received approval from the Ministry of the Environment for use as temporary garbage storage sites. Toronto Public Health inspectors will monitor the sites to ensure public health is not compromised.

[Pest Control & Odour Control Measure](#)

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When bringing waste to any drop-off site, combine green bin materials with other garbage and ensure it is **double-bagged** and securely tied. Each bag of waste must not weigh more than 20 kg (44 lbs) in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 844-14 B.

Please see the [map](#) at the end of the following list for exact locations.

Amesbury Arena – parking lot 155 Culford Rd., South of Lawrence Ave. W., enter off Culford Rd.

Campbell Park - outdoor rink 225 Campbell Avenue (near Lansdowne and Dupont) Enter off Campbell Ave., north of Wallace Ave.

Centennial Arena Community Centre 1967 Ellesmere Rd. Enter off Dolly Varden Blvd., south of Ellesmere

Clairlea Park Arena parking lot 45 Fairfax Crescent West of Warden Ave., north of St. Clair Ave. E.

Eglinton Flats (1) Enter off Eglinton Ave., east of Jane St.

Eglinton Flats (2) Enter off Emmett Ave., west of Jane St.

Etienne Brulé 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.

Herbert H. Carnegie Centennial Arena 580 Finch Ave. W., in parking lot. Access continues to be available from Finch Avenue while repair work continues to the sinkholes west of this location.

Highland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant 51 Beechgrove Dr. In parking lot at end of Beechgrove Dr.

L'Amoreaux Park parking lot 100 Silver Springs Blvd. East of Birchmount Rd., north of Finch Ave. E.

Moss Park South of Shuter St., north of Queen St. E., west of Sherbourne St.

Otter Creek Centre – tennis courts 140 Cheritan Ave. South of Lawrence Ave. W., enter off Rosewell Ave.

Scarborough Arena 75 Birchmount Rd., in parking lot, /

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)

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)

Taylor Creek Park Enter off Haldon Ave., in parking lot at end of roadway

Villiers St. Paved roadway between Saulter St. and Cherry St.

Wilket Creek / Sunnybrook Park 1132 Leslie St. Enter off Leslie St. just north of Eglinton Ave. E. Proceed to southern-most parking lot.

Closed temporary drop-off sites:

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

Effective July 20, closed temporary sites are being sprayed to control odours only during the day as well as at night. Daytime odour control spraying will take place daily between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. at three of the closed temporary garbage drop-off sites: Earls court Park, Ted Reeve Arena and Christie Pits.

This liquid deodorant is sprayed directly onto the garbage. It contains a common product found in indoor cleaners, and when used properly, is considered safe for human health by Health Canada.

The change of spray schedule does not include the separate night time application of pest control spraying, which will continue as established and as required.

Caledonia Park 1135 Caledonia Rd., in parking lot - **closed as of July 24**

Christie Pits Enter off Crawford St., north of Bloor - **closed as of July 5**

Earlscourt Park West side of Lansdowne Ave., north of Davenport Rd. - **closed as of July 15**

North Toronto Memorial Arena North of Eglinton Ave., east of Oriole Pkwy., enter off Edith Dr. - **closed as of July 24**

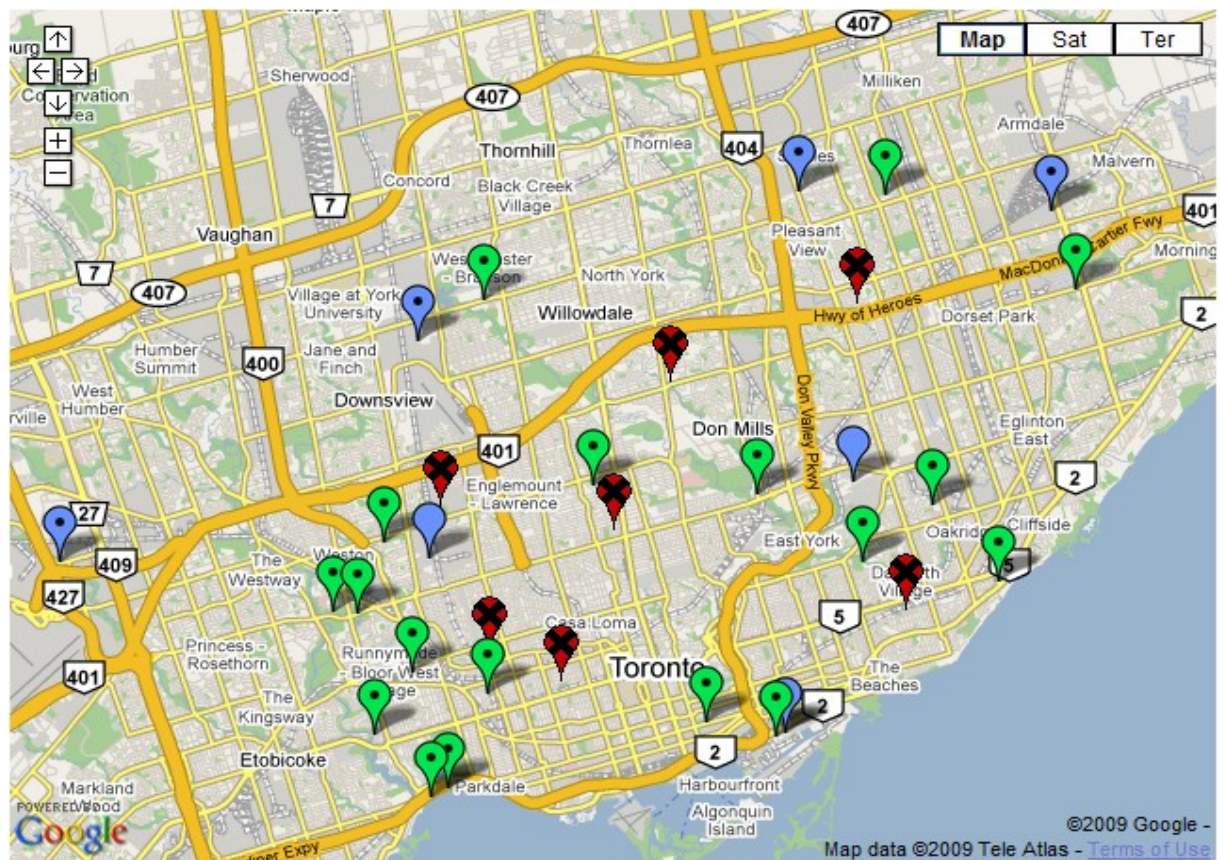
Ted Reeve Arena Northeast corner of Main St. & Gerrard St. E. - **closed as of July 15**

Wishing Well Park In parking lot, north of 401, west side of Pharmacy Ave. (south of Sheppard Ave. E.) - **closed as of July 15**

York Mills Arena 2539 Bayview Ave., enter off York Mills Rd., east of Bayview - **closed as of July 3**

[Questions and answers on Pesticide Control and Odour Control Measures for Temporary Waste Sites](#)

Map of 2009 Garbage Drop-off Locations







View [2009 Garbage Drop-off Locations](#) in a larger map

Click on one of the balloon icons to see drop-off details.

Click on the + sign in the upper left corner to zoom in for a closer look at the map, or one of the little arrows to move around the map.

Map legend

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|  | blue balloon with central dot: Transfer Station open 12 hrs./day 7 a.m.-7 p.m. |
|  | blue balloon: Transfer Station open 24/7 |
|  | green balloon with central dot: Temporary garbage drop-off sites open 12 hrs./day 7 a.m.-7 p.m. |
|  | red balloon with X: Temporary garbage drop-off site closed. |