

NEWS RELEASE



The City of Brockville and COVID-19

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The City of Brockville takes the rapidly evolving COVID 19 crisis seriously and will continue to do our part to help flatten the curve and urges everyone to join us in this.

Stay home Brockvillans and only go out when absolutely necessary. Practice physical/social distancing.

On Monday March 30th, the City will continue to provide only essential services.

The essential services are:

- Police and Fire Services
- Water and Wastewater Services
- Solid Waste Collection – (modified service detailed within)
- Transit Services – only Evening Route (Yellow) and on a half hour loop
- Public Works to assist with maintaining the City's key assets

City Hall and the Gord Watts Municipal Centre will remain closed to the public.

A Community Emergency Control Group (CECG) was held Friday morning at 10am and key community partners such as Public Health, Brockville Hospital, Brockville Police, St Lawrence Lodge, along with others, participated. The CECG will continue to hold conference calls twice a week.

To protect the health and safety of our front-line workers, please note that for the weeks of March 30th to April 4th AND April 6th to the 10th, there will be NO curbside collection of recyclables (blue box) materials in the City of Brockville. Garbage collection will continue as scheduled. *Please note there is no collection on Good Friday, it is moved to Saturday, April 4th; and **Please also note garbage collection WILL RUN on Monday, April 6th- no change due to Easter Monday.

Many blue box materials carry the risk of contamination by the coronavirus and are handled and in close contact by the collection staff. Therefore, to reduce the risk, recycling collection will cease for the next 2 weeks, and the situation will be re-assessed at that time.

Garbage collection will continue, and any loose garbage (ie. in garbage cans) MUST be bagged and tied closed in order to be collected. Loose garbage will not be handled by collection staff. In addition, please try to double-bag any tissues, gloves, masks, and hygiene products within the garbage for extra protection.

The public recycling containers at the Waste Management Transfer Station (on California Ave.) will also be closed at this time due to the same risk of contamination, as well as due the amount of people who have congregated in close proximities at the bins. This is to ensure safety for the public and for staff.

It is recommended that extra recyclable materials be stored until blue box collection can resume. This time also allows the risk of contamination to lower.

We understand the inconvenience this may cause; however, it is important we protect the health and safety of all workers. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these trying times.

If you have symptoms of a respiratory illness of any kind (e.g. fever, coughing, shortness of breath, etc.) you are asked to stay home and seek medical treatment.

The City of Brockville continues to review the situation on a day to day basis while we take all necessary precautions towards the spread of COVID-19.

Updates will be provided as soon they become available.

Visit our Website for more information <https://brockville.com/covid19>
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Additional Resources:

[Government of Canada](#)

[Health Canada](#)

[Ontario Ministry of Health](#)

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit
<https://healthunit.org/coronavirus/>

[World Health Organization](#)