

MEDIA RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Stay safe during hot and humid weather

(Barrie, ON) With hot and humid temperatures in the forecast over the next few days, as well as the <u>special</u> <u>weather statement</u> currently in effect for our area, the City of Barrie reminds residents to keep cool and stay safe.

The City has facilities available if people need to get out of the heat:

- The Transit Terminal is open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (please note that masks/face coverings are required while inside Transit Terminal and on Barrie Transit, until June 11).
- The three main Community Centres (Allandale Recreation Centre, East Bayfield Community Centre, and Peggy Hill Team Community Centre), each with pools, are open daily. For more information on drop-in open swim times and pricing, visit barrie.ca/swimming.
- The splash pad at Lampman Lane Park and the water feature at Heritage Park are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.
- The downtown library branch is open Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday to Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Painswick branch is open Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday/Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Check out one of Barrie's beaches. Residents are reminded to practice water safety; there is no substitute for parent supervision. Visit barrie.ca/beaches for more information.

Early curbside collection of garbage, recycling, green bin, yard waste

Due to the health risk that extreme heat poses for manual curbside waste collectors, when Environment Canada projects a daily air temperature of 30°C or higher, or a humidex of 35°C or higher, waste collection could commence at 5:30 a.m. If these temperatures are forecasted, residents are asked to put their waste out for curbside collection any time after 7 p.m. the night before, or before 5:30 a.m. on collection day.

During a heat warning, the public are reminded to:

- Never leave infants, children or pets in a parked car
- Stay in the shade and stay hydrated by drinking water
- Dress in cool, loose clothing and wear a hat and sunglasses
- Check regularly on family, friends or neighbours who are at higher risk of heat-related illnesses and who do not have air conditioning

For more heat safety information, review the tips provided by Barrie Fire & Emergency Services.

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