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Kawartha Lakes residents reminded that COVID-19 restrictions apply to their trash too

Municipal waste management staff encourage residents to follow safety protocols and best practices when visiting a landfill sites

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The province's recent step back on reopening measures in light of the surge of Omicron cases in the last two weeks isn't just meant to deal with businesses and schools.

The municipality reminds residents that safety protocols and best practices are also in place when visiting a landfill site.

These current COVID-19 restrictions include:

- To help mitigate health and safety concerns and to reduce traffic within landfills, waste management is asking residents to limit their visits to landfill sites unless it is urgently needed.
- Residents can still take advantage of the three bag waste limit for curbside collection during the pandemic.
- Pre-paid tags are available online for mattresses, large items and Freon. Residents can also purchase tags for extra bags of curbside waste at select locations.
- Residents are asked to wait until they have a full truck or carload of waste to drop off at a landfill instead of bringing in small loads separately.
- When visiting a landfill site, please be patient with staff and follow all safety protocols, such as maintaining a safe distance of at least two metres from others and wearing a mask at all times.

The public is also reminded that new landfill hours have been set for 2022 landfill.

The Fenelon Landfill has been temporarily closed and will reopen on May 1. Annually, the Fenelon Landfill will be open during the summer landfill hours of operation, which run May 1 through Oct. 15.

In order to ensure there are still landfill disposal services available during these winter hours, the Somerville Landfill site hours have been extended. The site is now open Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The Lindsay Ops Landfill has also extended its hours and is now open for full service to the public during the winter hours on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on waste and recycling and the new landfill hours for 2022 visit www.kawarthalakes.ca/waste or contact customer service at [705-324-9411](tel:705-324-9411).

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