

Family picnics take time to properly plan

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Picnics are naturally festive. There's something celebratory about preparing food, specifically meant to be eaten outdoors, that invokes fond memories of holidays, family and friends.

They are also great entertainment for kids who are bored by the end of the first month of summer vacation.

Since picnics are more fun if there are other adults around, try organizing a neighbourhood outing to a nearby conservation area and let the kids go while you have a chance to catch up with the adults.

Fun places for picnics include:

- The Mill Pond in Richmond Hill, on Mill St. at Trench, just past York Central Hospital. There is free parking, wash-room facilities nearby, a playground and picnic tables, and lots of shade.

- Bruce's Mill Conservation Area in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Stouffville Road three kms east of Hwy. 404. There is a nominal fee for the use of the park. Kids can splash in the pond.

What to bring:

Picnics include food, of course, but there are few things that will make the day more pleasant:

- Water bottles.
- Cooler filled with ice to keep the food cold. The ice can also be used to

soothe bumps, bruises or bug bites.

- Thermos of juice, iced tea or lemonade. Cans or bottles of pop are bulky to carry and not that good for you, anyway.

- Paper cups and drinking straws. Encourage the kids to use the straws so they don't put their face into a paper cup that is also playing host to a visiting yellow jacket or wasp. Facial stings are very painful.

- Hand sanitizer
- Hats.
- Roll of paper towels, because stuff happens.



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Markham District Energy Hosts the Ground-Breaking for its First Central Energy Plant



Celebrating the ground-breaking ceremonies are (L-R) Front row: Milan Bolkovic, Yvon Kermen, Mayor Don Cousens and Barry Murphy. Back row: John LaMacchia, Robert Lyew, Peter Faye, Sid Gillespe and Richard Damecour.

Markham District Energy Inc. (MDE) is a new company owned by the Town of Markham. District Energy provides heating, cooling, and co-generating electricity from a Central Energy Plant. The first customer of MDE will be the state of the art IBM Software Solutions Laboratory now under construction on Warden Avenue.

The plant will consist of chillers, broilers, and a natural gas fired co-generator and will simultaneously produce electricity, hot water, and chilled water. Customers will receive hot water for heating and chilled water for air conditioning via a network of buried pipes. Milan Bolkovic, COO of Markham District Energy, commented that "this type of plant is extremely energy efficient and is environmentally sound."

Mayor Cousens remarked, "this is the first of many such central energy plants in Markham that will help us to attract more first class companies like IBM to our Town. From these plants we expect to eventually provide emergency power to every resident of this community to protect them against crises like the Ice Storm of 1998."

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