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Dear Toronto Municipal Election Candidate:

Starting September 29, municipal election candidates are allowed to put up and display election signs in Toronto. Elections signs may be displayed on private property, such as lawns and fences, with the consent of the property owner or occupant. Signs may be displayed on public property, such as boulevards or public utility poles on streets and roads; subject to certain restrictions. Detailed information about election sign rules and guidelines is available at toronto.ca/ElectionSigns.

The City of Toronto may remove election signs that are in conflict with the <u>Signs Bylaw (Article II – Election Signs)</u>. Candidates will be notified by the City and provided information on when and where any confiscated signs can be retrieved. Any signs not retrieved may be recycled, destroyed or disposed of by the City.

After the municipal election on October 24, 2022, The City will offer recycling services for elections signs. This supports the City's goal to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. The City is accepting three (3) types of election signs for recycling, as well as wooden and metal stakes. These include:

- Corrugated plastic (i.e. Coroplast)
- Fibre based (i.e. paperboard)
- Plastic film (i.e. "sleeve" style signs)

In accordance with the <u>Toronto Municipal Code (Chapter 693, Article II – Election Signs)</u>, election signs must be removed within 72 hours following the day of the election. The deadline to remove signs is **October 27, 2022**.

Please bring any used and surplus election signs to one of the following Drop-Off Depot locations for proper disposal. Signs will be accepted until **Friday, November 25, 2022**. Note the hours for sign drop off are specific to each site.

Drop-Off Location	Hours for Sign Drop-Off	
Bermondsey Drop-Off Depot	Monday – Friday	Monday 6:00 a.m. to
188 Bermondsey Road	(24-hour operation)	Friday 9:00 p.m.
(North York)	Saturday	7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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Commissioners Drop-Off Depot 400 Commissioners Street (Toronto)	Monday - Friday	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Disco Drop-Off Depot 120 Disco Road (Etobicoke)	Monday - Friday	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Ingram Drop-Off Depot 50 Ingram Drive (North York)	Monday – Saturday (24-hour operation)	Monday 6:00 a.m. to Saturday 12:30 p.m.
Scarborough Drop-Off Depot	Monday - Friday	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
1 Transfer Place (Scarborough)	Saturday	7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Victoria Park Drop-Off Depot 3350 Victoria Park Avenue (North York)	Monday - Friday	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Disposal instructions:

- Separate all wooden stakes, metal supports and screws from the signs. Dedicated containers will be provided for each material.
- Consolidate plastic sleeve signs in a **clear** plastic bag and tie shut when full.
- Remove all staples from the signs (see below) and dispose of them in the garbage.
 Staples damage recycling equipment therefore any signs with staples will be considered garbage and a fee will be charged to dispose of them.



Please DO NOT:

- Bundle your corrugated plastic signs.
- Mix signs made of different materials.

Disposal costs:

- There is no fee for dropping off <u>separated</u> clean corrugated plastic, paperboard and plastic film election signs, associated supports and stakes for recycling.
- Unseparated mixed waste that includes election signs will be charged at our regular fee of \$166.26 per metric tonne of material.

If you require further information, please contact 311.

Yours truly,

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