

## **News Release**

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### **City of Toronto to remove abandoned bikes from streets, sidewalks**

The City of Toronto will be removing abandoned bicycles from city streets during the week of November 16 to 20 in advance of the winter season.

Residents can assist with this cleanup by calling 311 to report any bike that appears abandoned in the public right-of-way. To help the City identify the abandoned bikes correctly, callers are asked to identify the bike with as much information as possible, including the colour of the bike frame, the type of bike and the location.

An abandoned bicycle usually has missing or damaged parts, flat or missing tires, and is in unusable condition. If the bike has been locked to the same location for more than a month, it is likely abandoned and should be removed.

Bikes that are clearly derelict will be removed without notice. Where there is some question about whether a bike is abandoned, the City will place a notification on the bike that identifies the bike as abandoned. If a bike has been tagged in error and the owner does not want it to be removed, he or she should simply remove the tag and park the bike at a different location. After 14 days, the City will remove any bicycles that remain tagged in the original locations.

Toronto is Canada's largest city, the fourth largest in North America, and home to a diverse population of about 2.8 million people. It is a global centre for business, finance, arts and culture and is consistently ranked one of the world's most livable cities. For information on non-emergency City services and programs, Toronto residents, businesses and visitors can visit <http://www.toronto.ca>, call 311, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or follow us @TorontoComms.

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