



Supporting Vulnerable Edmontonians - Winter 2024/2025

Edmonton

Verbal Update

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Winter 2024/25 Overview

- As per Homeward Trust's By Name List (August 20, 2024), 2,259 folks are provisionally housed, 1,026 are sleeping unsheltered and 726 report using shelters.
 - ◆ Location of stay is self-reported by individuals in response to the question, "where do you sleep most frequently" and is not intended as real-time tracking of an individual's current location.
- The Government of Alberta funds emergency and transitional shelter spaces. The province tracks shelter capacity and utilization.
- There are many types of shelters that are available to vulnerable people, including:
 - ◆ Indigenous-led, Women-only, Couples, All gender, People who use drugs, Youth
- The Extreme Weather procedures remain in place for this winter season. A policy review is planned for 2025.
- Winter transportation support from transit spaces at the end of service to shelter is similar to previous seasons.

Government of Alberta - Navigation Centre

- The Navigation and Support Centre opened in January and remains open to support vulnerable Albertans. As of July 2, according to the GOA news release:
 - ◆ Over 2,280 people have accessed the centre
 - ◆ Approximately 7,640 referrals and connections made
 - ◆ More than 1,330 people have been provided with financial benefits like Income Support and AISH
 - ◆ Over 1,700 ID cards issued
 - ◆ More than 750 people were referred for health supports
 - ◆ More than 330 have been connected to mental health and addiction services

Edmonton's Risk Based Approach to Encampments

Encampments are not safe places due to presence of risks:

- Injury, death and/or property damage due to:
 - Fire
 - Criminal activity
- Injury or death due to:
 - extreme weather
 - drug use
 - gang violence
 - carbon monoxide poisoning
 - observed or investigated physical violence, including weapons
- Public health and/or sanitation risks
- Environmental degradation and landscape instability
- Proximity to schools, playgrounds, local residents, businesses, community facilities, events, infrastructure
- Entrenchment, including growing group size and number of structures

Encampment Current State (As of September 30, 2024)

Total Cleaned Sites	4,073
Propane Tanks Removed	2,081
Shopping Carts Removed	4,172
Needles Removed	20,991
Total Materials Removed (kg)	1,253,458

12,423
Number of
Complaints
(Year to Date)

Winter Transportation Support

Similar plan to last winter:

- Two shuttles will operate every night from 10 PM to 6 AM between November 1 and March 31 offering transportation from transit centres to shelters at end of service
- A third bus to shelters is added during extreme weather activations.
- Regular bus service during extreme temperatures, have all buses stop at all bus stops if a person is waiting, including express routes

Thank you.

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