

CITY WALKOUT: DAY 32\_

## Where their garbage goes

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We asked a selection of city councillors, former politicians, an artist and an environmentalist what they're doing with their garbage. Here are their answers:

### **ADAM GIAMBRONE** COUNCILLOR

"I rarely cook at home so I don't produce much more than vegetable scraps and fruit. I store a few things in the freezer. I don't have enough organics to use my own composter, so I take my tiny little bag once a week to my friend down the street."

### **ROB FORD** COUNCILLOR

"We have private garbage collection. I live in Etobicoke."

### **DAVID CROMBIE** FORMER MAYOR

He doesn't have to haul his trash to the closest park or arena. He and wife Shirley spent time at their condominium at Eglinton Ave. and Yonge St. (where a contractor removes their building's garbage) and their Tiny Township cottage on Georgian Bay.

### **FRANZ HARTMANN** ENVIRONMENTALIST

The executive director of the Toronto Environmental Alliance is keeping recycling in his garage, using his home composter, storing meat scraps and bones in the freezer, and rinsing plastics and food wraps to reduce odour in the bag of garbage in his garage.

### **KAREN STINTZ** COUNCILLOR

Her household – two children, a husband, a caregiver, a dog and a cat – takes garbage to the dump at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre. She has used it twice. Raccoons get in the green bins and they become unmanageable, she says. She gets three newspapers a day, uses two large recycling bins and has been storing the spillover in her shed.

### **DAVID MILLER** MAYOR

He is storing garbage in his garage, says a spokesperson. Every bit? Yes.

**JOE PANTALONE**  
COUNCILLOR

"Whatever I generate stays within my house – I have a deck and a garage. I'm careful about bringing stuff home. I'm close to capacity, but I don't want to go to (the dump). We are preaching to people (to) try to deal with it in their own homes and as a last resort go to the temporary dump ... given that it affects communities close to them."

**ELIZABETH SHEPHERD**  
SINGER

The Toronto jazz singer and pianist is using the strike to keep track of how much garbage she produces. Not much – just one bag in the past four weeks.

She returns her used toothpaste tubes to the manufacturer and buys toilet paper packaged in paper. She won't use the temporary dump. "It's another way of distancing ourselves from our own mess and (not) having full responsibility for dealing with it."

**ADAM VAUGHAN**  
COUNCILLOR

His family barely produces one bag a week. They are vegetarians, and so far have taken one bag of compost to relatives outside Toronto. "Dumping in parks is not ethical. ... With cancelled kids' programs, how much do you want kids to shoulder the strike?"