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### **Green Line LRT Construction is Underway!**

Did you know the Green Line LRT SE Project officially broke ground on June 26, 2025? This monumental milestone marked the start of main construction for Calgary's largest and most ambitious infrastructure project to date and since then, progress has been moving full steam ahead.

With \$6.248B in committed funding from The City of Calgary, the Province of Alberta, and the Government of Canada, this project reflects a powerful collaboration dedicated to building a better future for our city. Over the past few months, the Green Line team has been hard at work initiating several key construction activities. If you've travelled through 78 Avenue SE, 114 Avenue SE, or Barlow Trail, you may have noticed active construction zones as part of the early stages of this transformational project.

One major area of focus is the Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF), located near the future Shepard Station, where site preparation and servicing is well underway. This facility will play a crucial role in keeping Green Line light rail trains running smoothly and efficiently once service begins.

Construction on the Green Line LRT has started, and the benefits will last a lifetime.

To stay informed about upcoming work, timelines, and impacts in your community, visit [calgary.ca/greenline](https://calgary.ca/greenline) and sign up for our newsletter.

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### **Calgary Climate Symposium — free and virtual, Nov. 17-21**

The City of Calgary is hosting the 7th annual Calgary Climate Symposium from Nov. 17-21, 2025. The event is free, fully virtual and open to everyone.

Choose sessions that fit your schedule across five days of free learning opportunities. Learn practical ways to cut emissions and manage climate risk at home, at work and in your community. Connect with industry leaders, researchers, community partners and City staff who will share innovative solutions to local challenges.

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This year's theme, *Resilient by Design: Creating a Future-Ready Calgary*, highlights how intentional design — in buildings, infrastructure, natural systems and community development — helps Calgary adapt to hazards while reducing emissions.

Choose from 10+ free sessions covering: climate-ready homes and infrastructure, insurance and recovery from hazards, heat and health, climate equity and Indigenous worldviews, net-zero buildings, food resilience and electric mobility/micromobility.

Can't attend live? All sessions are recorded and posted so you can watch on your schedule.

Accessibility: Live captions for all sessions. Select sessions will also be available in multiple languages.

Learn more and register: [calgary.ca/climatesymposium](https://calgary.ca/climatesymposium)

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### Green Cart collection update

Starting in **November**, green cart collection will shift to an every-other-week schedule. This seasonal change helps match service to the lower volumes of yard waste we typically see once colder weather arrives.

Weekly green cart collection will return in **April 2026**, just in time for spring clean-up season when yard waste begins to pick up again.

We understand Calgary's weather can be unpredictable, and to keep the Green Cart program reliable and cost-effective, we set the schedule using long-term trends. This means collection times are based on when green cart volumes usually decline and when snowier conditions are more likely. By planning well in advance, the City ensures the right number of trucks, drivers and resources are in place to keep the program running smoothly.

There are a few easy ways to stay on top of your collection days and keep things simple:

- Visit [calgary.ca/cartschedule](https://calgary.ca/cartschedule) to check your cart pickup schedule or sign up for free reminders.

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- Download the Calgary Garbage Day app to get automatic notifications about collection days and seasonal changes.
- Have extra yard waste? You can take it to a City Eco Centre for composting at no charge during the Free Fall Yard Waste Program, running Friday, Sept. 19 to Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025.

Thank you for helping keep Calgary clean and green, no matter the season!

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### **Improve Mental Health and Wellbeing with a visit to the new Forest Bathing Trail at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary**

Calgarians are invited to visit the city's first forest bathing trail, located at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Designed to support the well-being of Calgary's residents and visitors alike, the self-guided trail takes users on a sensory exploration of the sanctuary. While not literal bathing, forest bathing is a chance to "bathe" and be immersed in the forest surroundings.

The idea of forest bathing (or "shinrin-yoku" in Japanese), originated in Japan in the 1980s when there was a rise in anxiety and stress-related illnesses as people in Japan were increasingly living and working in urban centers. To support the health and well-being of people living in Japan, research was conducted to determine whether spending time in forested environments was beneficial. Studies have shown nature helps reduce stress, improve mood and sleep, boost creativity and immunity, lower blood pressure and more.

The Forest Bathing Trail at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary consists of five stations along a 1-kilometer loop. Each station features an "invitation" from a certified Forest Therapy Guide. While each invitation is unique, they all encourage reflection and offer ways for people to connect with the place using their five senses. Invitations change seasonally, with a new set of invitations offered starting Nov. 1 (meaning anyone who has already completed the trail can come back now for a new and different experience).

For more information, visit [calgary.ca/forestbathing](https://calgary.ca/forestbathing).

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### **How does your Main Street measure up? Take the short survey now**

Successful main streets bring people together. To help understand how Calgary's main streets are doing, The City of Calgary conducts an annual Main Street Metrics survey, which collects and tracks data related to how our main streets:

- Support a social and healthy environment;
- Facilitate improved mobility and functionality;
- Demonstrate a unique character and identity; and
- Create areas of economic vitality.

Let us know how Calgary's main streets support communities and businesses in these areas by completing our short survey. Your feedback will help inform future main street improvements.

Visit [calgary.ca/mainstreets](https://calgary.ca/mainstreets) to complete the short survey before December 7, 2025!