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New automated carts to be used for waste collection in all parts of Vernon

On September 1, the City of Vernon rescinded an Evacuation Alert for residences within the municipal boundary.

While the Alert was in place, the City provided an opportunity for select residences to use their new automated garbage collection carts as water containers, to quickly and easily address potential spot fires, if embers travelled into their neighbourhood from the White Rock Lake wildfire.

These residences were located in the following areas:

- Canadian Lakeview Estates
- Adventure Bay
- The southwest portion of Tronson Road
- Eastside Road

Significant progress has been made on fighting the White Rock Lake fire and BC Wildfire Service and its partners continue to mop up and extinguish hot spots along the east flank.

Given the progress on the fire response, cooler weather patterns, and the rescinding of the Alert, the City requests that all residents who have been using their new carts for water now take steps to empty them in a controlled manner and begin using them for waste collection immediately.

Residents may consider using the water for practical reasons on their properties (such as watering their garden or lawn), or storing it in a different container to be used over time, instead of discarding it all at once.

The City continues to deliver the new automated carts to all portions of the community and anticipates deliveries to be complete later this month. A brief information leaflet is included with each cart and a list of frequently asked questions about the program is available on the City's website at vernon.ca/residentialgarbage.