

Fort McMurray donation drop-off site moved to warehouse

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The Edmonton Emergency Relief Services Society (EERSS) and the City of Edmonton are centralizing the drop-off location for donations to Fort McMurray evacuees in a new, massive 60,000 sq ft location.



Effective 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, the [warehouse located at 3870-98 Street](#) becomes the only EERSS donation drop-off centre. Donations will no longer be accepted at the previous locations in Edmonton and at the Edmonton International Airport. The new warehouse will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"One single location will make management of donations more efficient. We have more space and several loading bays for large shipments," said Nicole Geoffroy, spokesperson for EERSS. "We are expecting shipments this weekend from across Canada, including Winnipeg, Ottawa and Newfoundland."

Since May 9, the EERSS has served approximately 17,500 evacuees. The EERSS urgently requires more donations.

Priority items needed:

- Laundry detergent
- Ready-to-use baby formula
- Undergarments (all sizes, all sexes)
- Plus sized clothing (all sexes)
- Towels

[Complete list of items needed](#)

NO USED DONATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED at this time, as the EERSS does not have the resources available to accept or sort through used donations within the necessary, quick turnaround times.

"We set up this location to help EERSS centralize their donation centres, and to support their work during this incredible time of need," said Dan LaJeunesse, City of Edmonton Manager of Corporate Procurement and Supply Services. "We are providing professional warehouse and logistics support to the society and working hand in hand with their volunteers to manage the outpouring of donations and support for the evacuees."

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The EERSS was first established in 1986 in response to a tragic house fire. They are a small group of people dedicated to serving victims of fire and disaster by helping them with the basic supplies, such as household necessities and furniture. All services are provided at no cost to the people in need.

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