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## The Regional Municipality of York to hold annual emergency exercise on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

*Operation Green Day to test York Region's response to a hazardous materials scenario*

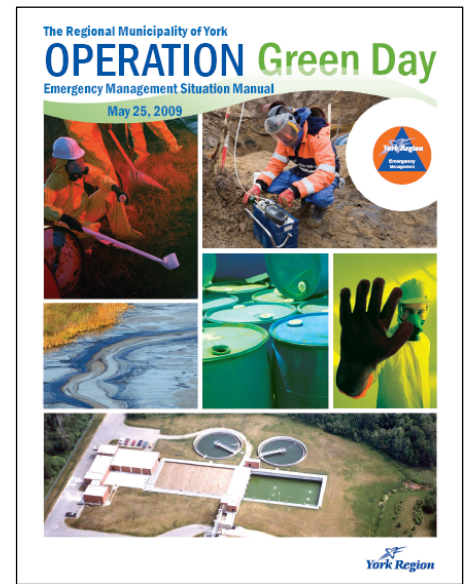
**NEWMARKET** – The Regional Municipality of York will hold its annual emergency exercise on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This year's exercise, dubbed *Operation Green Day*, will evaluate York Region's response to a hypothetical chlorine spill in the Keswick community of the Town of Georgina.

The mock exercise will call for "sheltering in place" where residents are advised to stay in their homes and an evacuation where several thousand residents will be advised to leave the area.

This tabletop exercise will involve activating the Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) located in the York Region Administrative Centre.

*Operation Green Day* will involve senior Regional and local municipal staff, as well as officials from York Regional Police and local fire services.



York Region and the participating municipalities will use the information gathered from this provincially mandated exercise to help solidify strengths and identify gaps in emergency planning.

York Region uses an Incident Management System (IMS), a standardized system that defines the basic command structure and roles and responsibilities for the effective response to an emergency.

**WHAT:** York Region's Annual Emergency Exercise

**WHEN:** Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The York Region Administrative Centre, Seminar Room, located at 17250 Yonge Street, Town of Newmarket

**MEDIA ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

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