

PUBLIC NOTICE

THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2026

FIRE INCIDENT AT WELTEVREDEN LANDFILL SITE

Polokwane Municipality is aware of the fire incident at the Weltevrede Landfill Site and the smoke affecting surrounding communities.

The fire was first detected on Friday, 17 July 2026. While the cause has not yet been established, landfill fires are not uncommon during the winter season due to dry conditions.

The municipality has deployed water tankers, TLBs, and the Municipal Fire and Disaster Management Unit to contain and extinguish the fire. The remaining challenge is underground smouldering, which continues to produce smoke despite significant progress in extinguishing the visible flames. An excavator will be deployed to expose and extinguish the remaining hotspots more effectively.

The municipality apologises for the inconvenience caused and assures residents that every effort is being made to bring the situation under control as quickly and safely as possible. Residents, particularly those with respiratory conditions, are advised to limit exposure to the smoke while firefighting operations continue.

The municipality will keep the public informed of further developments.

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