



Residents have to pick rubbish which is dumped in the local graveyard.  
Photo by Lulekwa Mbadamane

# LEAVE DEAD IN PEACE!

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RESIDENTS of Gugulethu in Cape Town are gatvol of people dumping rubbish near the graveyard in NY5.

They said polluting the area where the dead were resting was against their culture, and they'd deal with anyone caught dumping illegally.

Luyolo Ndamase (45) said: "Sometimes we find heaps of rubbish in the graveyard."

Locals are forced to remove the rubbish, especially when it spills into the graveyard.

## Stop dumping rubbish here, squatters told

"We have relatives who were buried at this graveyard," said Luyolo.

Gogo Nomzamo Njali (65) said her husband was buried in the graveyard in 1995 and she often visited his grave.

"Having rubbish all over the graveyard is disrespectful towards the dead and mustn't be allowed," she said.

A resident from Barcelona

squatter camp said the area near the graveyard was the only place they could dump their rubbish.

"We can't keep the rubbish in front of our shacks as we don't have yards," he said.

"When the municipality doesn't remove the rubbish, we're left with no option but to dump it."

Water and waste MMC Xan-

thea Limberg said rubbish was removed in all squatter camps once a week.

"Services in this area were stopped by community leaders. They wanted to dictate who's employed to clean the area.

"This is against the randomised expanded public works programme selection process," she said.