

## Household waste

- All waste that is set out for collection must be in a waste container or a plastic bag.
- Waste containers must be sturdy, have handles and properly fitting lids. The total weight of the container and its contents can be no more than 20 kilograms.
- Plastic bags used to store waste must be water-tight, securely tied and weigh no more than 20 kilograms.
- Medical waste, animal waste, sawdust and powdered materials must be packaged and securely tied in double plastic garbage bags.
- Sharp objects must be packaged in a puncture resistant container with a tight fitting lid before being placed in a container or plastic bag.
- Yard waste must be packaged in plastic garbage bags or tied in bundles no more than 1.25 metres in length.
- Waste must be set out for collection no earlier than 7 p.m. on the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. on the day of collection.
- Items such as hazardous waste, biochemical waste, dead animals, tires, automobile parts, furniture and liquids must not be set out for residential garbage collection.  
Waste Bylaw 20M2001

## Water drainage and storm sewer use

The storm drainage system is a network of drains, pipes and ponds designed to channel storm water directly to our rivers. Everything residents wash down the storm drains ends up in our rivers.

- Materials such as soil, fecal matter, oils, yard waste, hazardous waste, transmission fluids, paint, soaps, detergents and water from hot tubs are prohibited from being poured into the storm sewer system.

- Drain hot tubs and swimming pools containing chlorinated water directly into the wastewater drain located in the basement of your residence. This ensures that these materials will enter the sanitary sewer system and be treated at wastewater treatment plants.
- Downspouts must end at least two metres away from any sidewalk, road, park, alley, lane or surface drainage facility. This allows the run-off to absorb into the ground before it enters the storm system and helps prevent the formation of ice on sidewalks and lanes in winter.  
**Drainage Bylaw 37M2005**
- Water from eavestroughs, downspouts or hoses cannot be directed onto neighbouring properties.  
**Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004**

*The Calgary Fire Department accepts a wide range of hazardous materials and ensures their proper disposal. However, they do NOT accept explosive chemicals of any kind. For more information contact your local fire station or visit [www.calgary.ca/fire](http://www.calgary.ca/fire)*

## At Animal & Bylaw Services, our Mission is:

*"To create an environment where Calgarians can live in harmony with neighbours to promote high community standards and create safe, happy and vibrant communities."*

### Bylaws are created:

- to protect public health and safety
- to protect the environment
- to protect public and private property

This brochure outlines The City of Calgary bylaws with regard to activities on and around your property. For more information on Calgary's bylaws visit our website at [www.calgary.ca/animalservices](http://www.calgary.ca/animalservices) or call 3-1-1.

## Activities on and around your property

Your guide to responsible activities in and around your home

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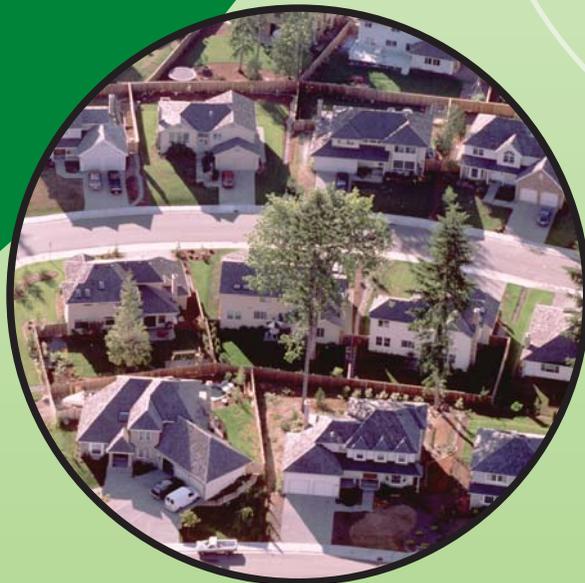


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## Activities on and around your property

*Bylaws are written to protect the environment, ensure high standards of public health and safety and to help maintain an orderly appearance in our communities. Animal & Bylaw Services works with Calgarians to promote bylaw compliance through public education and enforcement. The City of Calgary's bylaws set a minimum standard for neighbourhoods, helping to ensure all Calgarians live in safe, clean and healthy communities. For more information on bylaws go to [www.calgary.ca/animalservices](http://www.calgary.ca/animalservices), click on Bylaw Services and then Bylaws of Frequent Reference.*



## Activities on and around your street

As our city grows, it is increasingly important that we ensure the proper use of the streets and alleys adjacent to our homes. The following information provides bylaw tips related to street-side activities on and around your property.

- All property addresses must be clearly visible from the roadway. We also recommend that addresses be clearly displayed at the back of properties adjacent to an alley or public walkway, to assist emergency services.  
**Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004**

### Recreation

- Basketball nets, skateboard ramps and hockey nets are not permitted on city streets, even if only temporarily.  
**Street Bylaw 20M88**
- Skateboards or in-line skates are permitted on most city sidewalks or boulevards, unless otherwise posted. They are not allowed downtown within the Central Traffic Zone.
- Bicycles can be ridden on sidewalks by children under the age of 14.
- In cases where it is permitted to ride a wheeled vehicle on a city sidewalk or boulevard, it must be done in a safe manner that does not interfere with pedestrians.  
**Traffic Bylaw 26M96**

## Vehicles

### Recreational vehicle parking

- Recreational vehicles (which include motor homes, campers, travel trailers, tent trailers and boats) registered to a City of Calgary address can be parked on the street, directly adjoining the owner's or driver's residence for up to 36 consecutive hours. At this point, the RV must then be moved to an off-street location for at least 48 consecutive hours, before it can be parked again on the street adjoining the owner's or operator's residence.

- Unattached RVs are not allowed on the street at any time.
- While parked on the street, RVs should be parked in a manner that is safe for anyone using the street.  
**Traffic Bylaw 26M96**
- RVs are not allowed to be parked in the front portion of the property or the front driveway for longer than 24 hours.  
**Land Use Bylaw 2P80**

### Vehicle parking

- Your vehicle must have a current registration in order to park on a street. A vehicle may park on a street without being moved for 72 consecutive hours, after which time it may be considered abandoned and at risk for being towed. Always ensure vehicles parked on a street do not block access to driveways.
- Service work or minor repair of vehicles can only take place on private property. The exception is emergency or minor vehicle repairs made on a city street to enable the vehicle to be driven onto private property or to a mechanic for repairs.  
**Traffic Bylaw 26M96**

### Trucks

- Trucks with a maximum weight in excess of 5,450 kilograms are permitted on designated truck routes only. The bylaw lists designated truck routes.  
**Truck Routes Bylaw 60M90**

## Yard activities

### Noise

- Citizens have the right not to be disturbed by noise, and the responsibility not to make excessive noise that disturbs others.
- Excessive noise may include yelling, loud music and noisy air conditioners.

- The operation of power tools (lawn mowers, motorized garden tools, snow clearing and leaf blowing devices) in residential areas can only occur between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Sundays and statutory holidays.

### Use of fire pits and fireplaces

Only clean dry firewood can be burned. Materials such as painted/treated lumber, yard waste, tires, plastic and animal parts are strictly prohibited.

### Regulations for fire pits

- The open flame must not exceed one metre in height and width so the fire, embers, sparks or dense smoke do not endanger anyone or cause a nuisance to any neighbouring properties.
- Must be situated at least two metres from any building, fence, wooden structure or other combustible material, and not located under any trees or branches.
- Must be set upon or built into the bare ground or a non-combustible material such as brick or stone.
- Fire pits must be constructed of a non-combustible material.
- Fire must be fully extinguished by 1 a.m.  
**Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004**

