

Snow and ice

- Owners/occupants are responsible for the complete removal of snow and ice from all sidewalks adjacent to their property 24 hours from when the snow stops falling. This means removal of snow and ice down to the bare pavement.
- Snow or ice from private property cannot be placed on the road or boulevard.
- When plugging in your vehicle, make sure your electrical cord is not over or across any portion of a city street or sidewalk and is plugged into a ground fault circuit.

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Accumulating materials in and around your property

- Loose garbage, household furniture, appliances, yard waste and automobile parts cannot be stored so that they are visible from outside the property.
- Materials that create unpleasant odours or attract pests are prohibited from being stored on the property. This includes animal parts and feces.
- The open or exposed storage of industrial fluid – including engine oil, brake fluid or antifreeze – is prohibited.
- Refrigerators and freezers stored outside on the property must be locked at all times or have the doors or lids removed.
- Building materials that are stacked in an orderly manner can be stored, provided construction or a renovation is currently being carried out and the quantity of material is reasonable to complete the project.
- A small amount of neatly stacked building materials can be stored for basic property maintenance.

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Nuisances escaping your property

- Proper precautions must be taken to prevent matter such as dust and smoke from escaping your property.
- You cannot allow an outdoor light to shine directly into the living or sleeping areas of neighbouring houses.
- Papers, flyers and loose debris must be contained on your property.
- You cannot direct water from a hose, downspout or eavestrough onto your neighbour’s property.

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At Animal & Bylaw Services, our mission is:

“To encourage a safe, healthy, vibrant community for people and pets, through the development, education and compliance of bylaws that reflect community values.”

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 yard and perimeter maintenance. For more information on Calgary’s bylaws visit calgary.ca and search “bylaws” or call 3-1-1.



Yard and perimeter maintenance

Your guide to responsible yard and perimeter maintenance around your home

Yard and Perimeter Maintenance

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 calgary.ca and search “bylaws” or call 3-1-1.

Grass

A well maintained lawn and adjoining boulevard ensures our communities are safe, clean and attractive.

- Grass must be less than six inches (15 cm) tall.
- As a resident, you are responsible for caring for and maintaining your lawn and property. This generally includes all adjacent areas such as boulevards, sidewalks, walkways, lanes and to the centre of the back alley.

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The best time to water your lawn is early in the morning or once it cools off in the evening. Make sure the water isn’t running onto the street or sidewalk. For additional water-saving tips, visit The City of Calgary Water Services at calgary.ca/waterservices.

Weeds

- Keep weeds under control and ensure they don’t spread from your property.
- For a list of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds, check the bylaw.

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Did you know?

- Weeds create safety and fire hazards.
- Long grass and uncontrolled weeds can lead to mosquito and mouse problems.
- Weeds spread onto your neighbour’s property, spoiling their property’s appearance and reducing its value.
- People increase their use of pesticides when weeds get out of control.

Trees and shrubs

Keep hedges, trees and shrubs on your property trimmed so they don’t interfere with pedestrians using the sidewalk or vehicles using the street or alley. See diagrams 1, 2 and 3 on the right.

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Hedges, trees or shrubs must not grow to or remain at a height greater than 750 mm if located within a corner of a lot as shown in diagram 4 on the right (Corner Visibility Triangle). Fences, walls or other structures within a Corner Visibility Triangle must also not exceed a height of 750 mm.

Calgary Traffic Bylaw 26M96.

The City of Calgary has a Tree Protection Bylaw that prohibits:

- Cutting, removing, pruning or moving City trees.
- Removing or penetrating the bark or attaching any object or sign to City trees.
- Planting trees or shrubs on City land.
- Spraying City trees with any substance except water.
- Attaching electrical cords or other objects to City trees.
- Unauthorized entry or interference with a Tree Protection Barrier.

Tree Protection Bylaw 23M2002

For information or concerns about City-owned trees or shrubs, please contact The City of Calgary Urban Forestry, visit calgary.ca/parks or call 3-1-1.

General information regarding your property

- All property addresses must be clearly visible from the street. It is also required that your address be clearly displayed at the back of your property, if adjacent to an alley or public walkway, to assist emergency services and other city operations.
- Fences and other yard enclosures surrounding your property need to be intact, sturdy, stable and in good repair.
- Areas of standing water should be limited or drained regularly. To ensure public health and safety, open excavation sites should be limited or, if necessary, properly barricaded or fenced.

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