

Building & Renovating Information for Neighbors



Building or renovating homes in Mississauga's established neighborhoods is becoming more common.

While construction in our neighborhoods can be disruptive, it is also important to renew older homes to improve safety and building quality. Renovating or rebuilding can also increase the value of a home, as well as other homes in surrounding neighborhoods.

Understanding the laws that apply to construction projects, contractors and buildings can help keep the peace.

Common sense can also help make sure everyone gets along once construction starts.

Common Sense – Good Sense for Everyone

There are laws and bylaws that must be followed at every construction site in Mississauga. But there are common sense practices that can help neighbors maintain healthy relationships as a project gets underway.

Before the work starts

Most building permits do not require public consultation, so you may not be informed of an intended project until construction begins. Before any construction or demolition can take place, a building permit or a copy of it should be posted on the property where it can be easily seen.

Questions about a project in your neighborhood?

Find building permit and other information about properties in Mississauga at www.mississauga.ca/propertyinfo

On a Construction Site – Laws and Bylaws

There are provincial laws and city [bylaws](#) in place that help to protect the health, safety and quality of life of everyone in and around the jobsite. They will help to keep your neighborhood feeling “normal” while construction is ongoing.

Construction Fences

The construction site should be safely contained. In some cases, fences are required. See the [Building Bylaw](#) for more information about construction fences.

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Garbage

All construction refuse and garbage should be disposed of properly. The site should be clean after construction is finished for the day.

Noise

Any noise from the project must be within the limits outlined in the City's noise bylaw. In most residential areas, construction noise is allowed between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. every day except Sunday. Construction noise is not allowed on Sundays or statutory holidays. There are extended quiet hours in areas near hospitals and nursing homes. See the [Noise Bylaw](#) for more information.

Parking and Traffic

Construction vehicles should try not to block roads, especially during peak traffic periods in the morning and late afternoon. Check for rules you need to know about [parking](#) in the City.

Trees

Trees and other types of plants should be protected from construction activity where possible. As well, there are limits to how many larger trees can be removed on a property in any calendar year. For more information about tree removal, please visit the [private tree protection](#) webpage.

Mud and Dust

Mud-tracking from the site should be avoided and dust from truck traffic should be minimized. Construction vehicles should be the existing driveway, or lay gravel on the entrance and exist for construction vehicles. The City's building permit requires a deposit for the homeowner that will be used to pay for road clean-up if necessary.

Water and Drainage

If water is collecting on the site or on neighboring properties, the area should be drained to prevent stagnant water from becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes and a health hazard in the summer months.

Time to Complete Work

To lessen the impact on neighborhoods, projects should be completed in a reasonable amount of time. Construction projects can get delayed however. Try to be understanding about delays that are beyond the control of the homeowner.

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Information and Contacts:

Building Permit Information

www.mississauga.ca/permits

905 615 4311

Ontario Building Code

www.ontario.ca/buildingcode

416 585 6666

Property Information

www.mississauga.ca/propertyinfo

By-laws

www.mississauga.ca/bylaws

This document provides information that may help avoid neighborhood conflicts when construction starts. **It is not legal advice.**