



City of Kingston's Good Neighbour Guide



Welcome to Kingston! Whether you've lived here all your life or you're new to the city, you are an important part of this community. Being a good neighbour means being mindful of noise levels, especially during the late hours, parking correctly and responsibly disposing of trash. Read on to learn more about City bylaws that may affect you and how you can do your part to ensure every resident can live in a safe, respectful and caring community.

Garbage Collection and Illegal disposal

The City collects garbage, recycling and organic waste weekly.

1. Garbage is waste that cannot be reused, recycled or composted. Avoid creating garbage as it ends up in landfill and creates greenhouse gas emissions.

- You may put out one untagged bag a week.
- You may buy bag tags for additional bags of garbage for two dollars each, which can be purchased at CityofKingston.ca/Pay or CityofKingston.ca/Garbage for local retailers.
- Bags/containers must be less than 135L in capacity and weigh less than 20 kg (44 lbs).

2. Recycling pick up weeks alternate between your blue and grey box. Not sure where it goes? Go to CityofKingston.ca/WasteLookup.

- The City will not collect from recycling boxes with improperly sorted items.
- Blue boxes are for plastic, metal and glass food and beverage containers and rigid packaging.
- Grey boxes are for paper products, cardboard and plastic bags.

3. Organic waste green bins are collected weekly and are used for food waste, soiled paper products and yard waste (but only if your green bin is also seen to contain food waste).

The City has a number of bylaws in place aimed at keeping Kingston clean and safe. Good neighbours keep their yards free of garbage, report illegal dumping on municipal property and adhere to the bylaws. Read more at CityofKingston.ca/City-Hall/Bylaws/Illegal-Disposal.

Liquor Licence Act

Under Ontario's Liquor Licence Act, the following is prohibited:

- Person under 19 years having or consuming liquor, s. 30(8)
- Having liquor in open container or consuming liquor in other than licensed premises, residence or private place, s. 31(2)
- Being intoxicated in public place, s. 31(4)

Learn more at Ontario.ca/Laws.

Vehicle parking

Residents are responsible for ensuring that vehicles parked on their property and adjacent streets are registered, insured, and operable. Vehicles should be parked in legal parking spots, or have the appropriate parking permits for occupying space on the street.

- Ensure vehicles and materials are not blocking any access or egress for neighbours' driveways, waste containers, fire hydrants or streets. Parking on only one side of the road minimizes the impact on the neighbourhood and other road users.
- Turn off vehicle engines. The Idling Bylaw 2008-95 prohibits idling of a vehicle for more than three minutes in a 60-minute period, and for more than five minutes in a 60-minute period when the outside temperature as recorded by Environment Canada is less than five degrees Celsius.

The Noise Bylaw

Noise is any unwanted sound that you can clearly hear from where you are. The City's Noise Bylaw applies to all types of noise. Residents are responsible for ensuring that noise-generating activities fall within the appropriate permitted timelines from Monday to Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Amplified sound or music that is deemed to be excessive noise is prohibited at all times in residential areas such as a radio/ stereo, television, or amplified musical instrument or a horn, whistle, bell or gong.
- Persistent barking of a dog also falls under the Noise Bylaw.

The Nuisance Party Bylaw and University District Safety Initiative

Unsafe and disruptive behaviours as a result of recurring, unsanctioned street parties in the University District, put the community at risk by putting a significant strain on emergency services and creating dangerous situations when roads and traffic are blocked. In an effort to curb these behaviours and their effects, the City of Kingston, Kingston Police and Queen's University have collaborated to introduce the University District Safety Initiative and the Nuisance Party Bylaw. The pillars of this initiative include:

- Changes to how people will be charged for committing specific offences at certain times of the year and for any contravention of the Nuisance Party Bylaw occurring at any time,
- Information-sharing between the City, police and the university, and
- Potential university-related non-academic consequences for any Queen's University student issued a summon through the initiative.
- It is a \$2000 penalty notice per tenant for hosting, sponsoring, conducting, continuing, or permitting a nuisance party at your residence, property, or house.

What is a Nuisance Party?

A nuisance party is a gathering of people where any of the following activities are present: public intoxication, the unlawful sale of alcohol, damage to public or private property, obstruction of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, excessive sounds, unauthorized burning or display of fireworks, use of a roof not intended for occupancy, and/or other dangerous or harmful behaviours described in the Bylaw.

In addition to fines or penalties, people who conduct or host nuisance parties may be liable for fees from Kingston Fire & Rescue, Kingston Police and/or municipal bylaw officers for attending the scene. The current fee is \$90 per officer, per hour (or part thereof). Failure to pay these fees could result in civil Court action or recovery through a collections agency.

Nuisance Party Bylaw 2018-53

- Create, cause, host, sponsor, conduct, continue, permit a nuisance party, s. 4.2
- Fail to comply with order to cease or leave a nuisance party, s. 4.6
- Permit subsequent nuisance party after receipt of warning notice, s. 4.10
- Use closed highway, s. 5.3
- Remove or deface a device placed on closed highway, s. 5.4
- Obstruct or hinder an officer, employee or agent, s. 6.2
- Attempt to obstruct or hinder an officer, employee or agent, s. 6.2

Learn more at CityofKingston.ca/UDSI.

Do you have questions or want to learn more about the City's bylaws?

Visit CityofKingston.ca/Bylaw-Enforcement, call **613-546-0000** or email BylawEnforcement@CityofKingston.ca.

