

Are dandelions a noxious or restricted weed?

No, dandelions are not a noxious or restricted weed and no enforcement action is taken specifically for an infestation of dandelions.

How do I place my automated waste collection cart?

Please place the carts in the same location each week for collection.

Front Pick Up

By 7:00 am the cart needs to be placed on the street, with the wheels against the curb and 1 meter (3 ft) from any obstacles (parked vehicles etc. Point arrow to the road.

Lane Pick Up

By 7:00 am the cart needs to be placed beside but not on the travelled portion of the lane, and 0.6 metres (2ft) from the rear fence or property line and 1 metre (3ft) from any obstacles (electric boxes, etc.) Point arrow to the road.

All carts must be removed from your designated collection area and returned to your private property, no later than the evening of the collection day.



What can I put in the cart for garbage collection?

Only put bagged household garbage in your cart. Automotive parts, tires, hazardous wastes, construction material and hot ashes are prohibited.

Can bags/boxes be placed beside or on top of the cart for collection?

No, waste is to be placed on top or beside the cart. Only waste within a closed cart accessible by the truck arm will be collected.

How quickly must I clear snow from the sidewalk?

You are required to clear all snow, ice or other obstruction from any public sidewalk adjacent your property within 24 hours of deposit.

Can I clear snow from my driveway onto the roadway?

No, only snow from the public sidewalk adjacent your property can be placed on the roadway. Large amounts of snow like that from your driveway can cause traffic problems including accidents. Failure to remove snow properly could result in a specified penalty of \$100 for a first offence plus the costs of any clean up the City may be required to do.

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What is Unsightly Property?



Unsightly property is property that, in the opinion of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, is detrimental to the surrounding area because of its unsightly condition.

What factors are considered when determining whether property is unsightly?

When determining whether property is unsightly the following factors are considered:

- Uncut grass and weeds.
- Vegetation that interferes with the use or visibility of street signage, sidewalks, road clearance, municipal works or public utilities.
- Wrecked or dismantled vehicles including vehicles that are inoperable and unregistered.
- Storage or accumulation of garbage, litter refuse, dilapidated furniture or appliances, machinery or machinery parts or similar items.
- Specific or general lack of repair or maintenance of the property.

- Location, zoning, use and visibility of the property.

What happens if a property is deemed unsightly?

A Bylaw Officer may issue a written Order to the property owner to improve the appearance of the property in a specified way in a specified time period.

What happens if the owner of the property does not clean up?

The owner could be fined \$250 for a first offence and \$500 for each subsequent offence, and the City may cause the property to be cleaned up and bill the owner for the costs of the clean up.

Can someone appeal an Order to Remedy unsightly property?

Yes. A form for filing an appeal is given with each order issued. The Subdivision Development Appeal Board hears appeals for any Orders issued. The board may uphold, rescind or alter the order.

Can a decision of the Appeal Board be appealed?

Decisions of the Subdivision Development Appeal Board may be filed in the Court of Queens Bench within 30 days of the decision being made.



What are my responsibilities related to controlling weeds?

The owner and/or occupant of any property are responsible to ensure that all noxious and restricted weeds are under control on the property as well as to the center line of any highway adjacent to the property.

What happens if weeds are not properly controlled?

If an infestation of weeds is found, a Bylaw Officer will issue a Weed Notice to destroy restricted weeds or control noxious weeds. The notice will give a specific time to have the weeds controlled or destroyed. If the notice is not complied with, the City may take steps to destroy or control the weeds and bill the property owner for any costs associated. The person to whom the notice was directed could also face fines of up to \$5000.

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