

Building or renovating a home in Mississauga today means starting a construction project in one of our city's established neighbourhoods. This is an exciting time for you, but sometimes, construction can be uncomfortable or disruptive for your neighbours.

Understanding the **laws** you and your builders need to follow during construction can help you make it easier for them. You can also use **common sense** to help make sure relationships with your neighbours don't become difficult.

For example, make sure your contractor and any subcontractors or tradespeople aren't trespassing on your neighbour's property to access your jobsite. Read on for more information...

Common Sense – Talk to Your Neighbours

There are laws and bylaws that must be followed for any construction project in Mississauga. But common sense comes first. Letting your neighbours know well ahead of time that you'll be building or renovating is a good idea.

Share your ideas

Building permits do not require public consultation; however, you may want to discuss your project with your neighbours before you finalize your plans. There might be windows that could affect their privacy, or a garage that would shade a vegetable garden. See if you can find a solution that works for everyone.

Talk to your neighbours before construction starts.

It might help your neighbours to prepare themselves for construction vehicles and noise. This will make sure that your neighbours aren't surprised to see construction equipment nearby.

Provide restrooms for workers.

Make sure you or your builder has made arrangements to use existing facilities, or portable toilets on site if needed. Portable facilities should be located behind construction fencing, and away from public property and neighbouring homes.

Before You Start – Know the Rules & Bylaws

There are city rules and [bylaws](#) in place that help to protect the health and safety of you and your neighbours. They will also help to make sure your neighbours can still enjoy living in their own homes while your project is underway.

Garbage Make sure construction garbage is cleared and the site is clean after construction is finished for the day.

Post Your Permit

Your demolition or building permit must be posted in a place that is easily visible from the street.

Construction Fences

Construction sites can be dangerous, especially in neighbourhoods where children play. Make sure you or your builder puts up a fence around the site to keep everyone safe. See the [Building Bylaw](#) for more information about construction fences.

Noise

Any noise from your project must be within the city's construction noise limits. 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

When construction vehicles block roads and driveways, they can slow or stop people trying to enter or leave the neighbourhood. Try to keep roads clear during peak periods in the morning and late afternoon. Check for rules you need to know about [parking](#) in the City.

Trees

People value trees and other types of plants in their neighbourhoods. As well, there are limits to how many larger trees can be removed on a property in any calendar year. Try to maintain trees and plants in your building and renovation plans. For more information about tree removal, please visit the [private tree protection](#) webpage.

Mud and Dust

Try to control the amount of dust in the air and mud-tracking from the site as much as possible. Ask your builder to use the existing driveway, or lay gravel on the entrance and exit for construction vehicles.

Stagnant Water and Drainage

Any water that starts to collect from your project must be contained on your site. [Stagnant water](#), or water that remains more than 24 hours after it rains, must be drained. It can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes and a health hazard in the summer months.

Time to Complete Work

Construction projects can sometimes take a long time because they are large or complex, or because of other things, like the weather. Any project must be

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completed in a reasonable amount of time to lessen the impact on the neighbourhood.

Did you know?

The City has developed [design guidelines](#) to help homeowners, designers and architects to ensure that their projects 'fit' into the neighbourhood. They offer detailed information that can ensure a new or renovated home doesn't change the character of the neighbourhood.

In certain areas of the City, there are strict controls on design and architecture called Site Plan Control. Site Plan Control involves an additional review to examine architectural designs for new home construction and existing home renovation projects. For more information visit Development & Design.

Information and Contacts:

Book an Inspection:

www.mississauga.ca/inspections

905 896 5660 building, plumbing & heating inspections

905 896 5908 fire inspections

Ontario Building Code

www.ontario.ca/buildingcode

416 585 6666

By-laws

www.mississauga.ca/bylaws

Building Permit Information

www.mississauga.ca/permits

This pamphlet provides a basic guide to help homeowners and builders avoid neighbourhood conflicts during construction. **It is not legal advice.**