



Working together as “good neighbours”

Building or renovating a home?

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 your neighbours. 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 job site.

Whether you are a property owner or a construction professional, you can ensure that your construction project has a lasting, positive effect for yourself and your neighbourhood.

As a property owner you are ultimately responsible for any construction on your land.

As a construction professional, you can limit unwanted disturbances and build a positive profile for your business by being considerate to residents of the neighbourhood.

Working together, as good neighbours, you can run a successful and safe project.

Some examples of construction:

- Build a deck, balcony or garage
- Renovate an office, store or building
- Make new openings for, or change the size of, doors and windows
- Construct a new building
- Demolish or remove all or part of a building



Communicating with your neighbours

It is important for you to keep neighbours informed of your building plans at all times. Before starting work on your building project, you could:

- Tell your neighbours what is being planned by writing or visiting them personally.
- Tell them how long construction will take.
- Provide them with a way to contact you if they have concerns about the project or if there is an emergency.
- Post your building permit in a prominent area on your property.

When neighbours are fully informed, they tend to be more understanding and supportive of your project.



Site Clean Up

You should collect and remove waste on a regular basis. Prompt cleanup of garbage and construction waste keeps the site from becoming a health and safety hazard and an eyesore.

Remove any mud tracked onto the streets and sidewalks. If mud tracking is a serious problem, trucks should be hosed down before leaving the site. You should immediately flush and/or sweep down any road that has substantial mud build-up.

Parking, Dumpsters, Construction Bins & Hoarding

Dumpsters, bins and construction materials are not allowed to be stored on Municipal allowances or roads. Please ensure all are contained on private property.

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. It is also helpful to limit parking of vehicles to one side of the roadway.

Parking for longer than 3 hours is prohibited November – April: no parking from 2:00 am to 6:00am. View Parking By-Law #2005-36 on www.king.ca

Noise Control

Any noise from your project must be within the Township of Kings noise by-law limits.

The Township of Kings Noise Control By-law 81-142 permits operation of construction equipment Monday to Saturday from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. No construction is permitted on Sunday and statutory holidays. There are more restrictive hours in quiet zones. See the Noise Control by-law for more information.

Even during periods when construction is permitted, noise levels should be minimized as much as possible out of consideration for your neighbours. This is an important part of being a good neighbour.

Other helpful tips!

- Do not harm existing neighbourhood services. Contact your local utilities to locate underground services before you start digging.
- Protect your neighbours' property, trees and plants. Make sure construction operations and trucks are kept away from your neighbours' landscaping.
- Put protective boarding or fences around trees and shrubs.
- Construction sites can be dangerous. In neighbourhoods it is required for you or your builder to fence around the site to keep everyone safe.
- Stagnant Water and Drainage – Any water that starts to collect from your project must be contained on your site. 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.
- Place portable toilets well away from your neighbours' homes and out of sight.
- Do not litter your neighbours' property with garbage bins and debris.
- Respect your neighbours' parking needs. Do not park any construction vehicles on your front lawn or block neighbours' driveways.
- Burning construction waste is not permitted.
- Do not leave any potentially dangerous building materials, equipment or vehicles on the site unattended.



For More Information please feel free to contact the Engineering and Public Works Department–Building Division at 905-833-5321 or at inspections@king.ca