



- 1) Properties must be maintained so that the height of any grass, weeds or other ground cover does not exceed 30 centimeters (12 inches) in height. This requirement does not apply to an agricultural or vacant property or a “naturalized garden” area on a property (provided the area has been deliberately planted and is being managed). **Please note:** that naturalized gardens must be maintained so as to not encroach onto adjacent properties.
- 2) Hedges, trees, shrubbery and grasses must be maintained so as not to project onto or over any public sidewalk area.
- 3) Dead, decayed or damaged trees or other natural growth and the branches and limbs of the trees or natural growth must be removed if they create an unsafe condition in relation to their location and environment.
- 4) The boulevard area between the roadway and the Town maintained sidewalk must be maintained by the owner of the property adjacent to the boulevard area. This requires that the grass on the boulevard be maintained so that the height does not exceed 30 centimetres (12 inches) and that any garbage and debris be removed from the area.

This boulevard maintenance requirement does not apply to a boulevard area adjacent to a vacant property, a rural property or on an area that would be, in the opinion of the By-Law Enforcement Officer, unsafe or impractical to maintain to due grading or other hazards.

All properties must be kept free and clear of residential or industrial “**waste**”.

Waste includes any item or thing that does not serve any practical use and has little or no value. Examples of waste include construction debris, yard waste (when not properly composted), old appliances, scrap material, household garbage (other than the garbage awaiting regular collection), discarded material or things or anything exposed to the elements and deteriorating or decaying due to exposure to the weather.

Properties must be kept free and clear of **derelict motor vehicles**. A derelict motor vehicle is a vehicle having missing or damaged parts including tires, glass or bodywork or any vehicle that does not bear a valid licence plate including a current validation sticker. Up to two derelict motor vehicles may be kept on a property provided the vehicles are being repaired/restored and are kept within an enclosed building or structure or otherwise completely screened from view.

Outdoor refrigerators and freezers must have the lid kept locked and secured at all times to prevent accidental suffocation by small children.

Contact Information

This informational brochure has been prepared for general information only. For specific information, please refer to the entire Clean Yard By-Law:

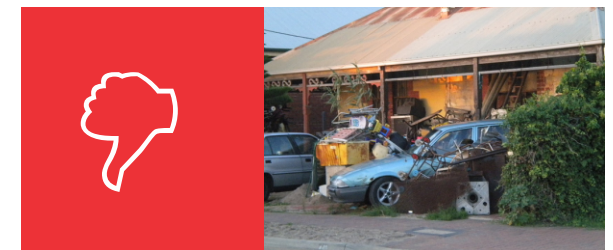
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If you have any questions about the by-law, please contact the By-Law Enforcement Branch at the:

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Property Maintenance and Upkeep in Bracebridge Clean Yard By-Law Information

Important information for all property owners and occupants



General Maintenance Standards

The Town of Bracebridge Clean Yard By-Law requires every property owner within the municipality to maintain their property to a minimum standard. Properties that are not maintained in a clean, clear and safe condition not only detract from the overall beauty and character of the community but also have the ability to negatively impact property values as well as posing a safety hazard in some cases.

Because Bracebridge is a popular tourism and vacation destination that prides itself on its natural beauty, charm and character, it is especially important that all properties be maintained in a clean and clear condition.

The Clean Yard By-Law contains a number of regulations that apply to all properties. The information contained in this brochure is intended to be a broad overview of these by-law requirements. For specific or more detailed information, please review the by-law in its entirety or contact the By-Law Enforcement Branch using the contact information on the back of this brochure.

ICE AND SNOW

All walkways, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas to which the public has access must be maintained so as to provide clear, unobstructed and safe passage by pedestrians and vehicles. All snow and ice must be removed from the **roof of a building** when, in the opinion of a By-Law Enforcement

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Officer, the snow or ice poses a safety hazard to people or property using an adjacent walkway, driveway or parking area or when entering and exiting a building.

COMPOSTING

Compost piles/containers must be located in a side or rear yard area only and must be at least 2 metres (6.5 feet) from a property line.

Only acceptable material may be added to a compost pile/container, and the material must be kept covered with yard waste, soil or humus at all times.

The compost pile/container must be maintained so as not to attract vermin and must not create a nuisance by way of offensive odours.

GARBAGE STORAGE

When stored outside, garbage must be kept in a rigid container with a secure lid and must be kept in a side yard, rear yard or within an enclosed building or structure.

When placed curbside for regular waste collection pick-up, garbage must be placed within plastic bags, refuse containers or boxes in accordance with the District Municipality of Muskoka Waste Collection by-law. Please consult your District of Muskoka Waste Management Guide for additional information on waste collection requirements.

GRAFFITI

It is the responsibility of a property owner to remove all objectionable markings, graffiti, stains or other defacement on their property.

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

Property owners must ensure that any open pits, excavations or wells on their property are fenced, covered or otherwise made safe.

DUMPING AND LITTERING

All garbage, debris and waste shall be disposed of in an acceptable manner. This includes putting the waste out for regular collection in accordance with the waste collection by-law or taking the waste to an approved landfill or recycling facility.

Under no circumstances is it acceptable to dispose of waste on a property that has not been approved for such a use.

It is unlawful to dispose of household waste in a Town garbage receptacle or private dumpster without the owner's consent. The Town provides garbage receptacles along various streets and within Town parks for the disposal of personal incidental garbage and dog waste only. Please do not use these receptacles as a means of disposing of your accumulated household waste.