



Residential Infill Construction

The Good Neighbour Guide

 **Barrie**



Residential infill projects are construction projects that take place within established neighbourhoods. They may include home demolitions, reconstruction or significant renovations/additions to existing homes.

Home renovations can have a positive impact not only on the property being renovated, but also on the vitality and value of neighbourhoods. However, if the renovation is poorly planned, managed or executed, it can drive a wedge between you and your neighbours.

Whether you are a property owner or a professional contractor/builder, there are steps to take to ensure the construction project has a lasting and positive effect on the community.

Following a few simple guidelines can help a project proceed with minimal disruptions to the neighbourhood. This guide contains best practices that may help the process.





Before your project begins . . .

- Communicate with your neighbours and let them know about your project (the work, timelines and potential impacts).
- If your neighbours express any concerns, try to address them immediately. This may include disruption to existing fences, shrubs, drainage patterns, and noise and dust.
- Protect landscaping by putting up temporary boards or fencing around trees and shrubs.
- Ensure grade plans are designed and constructed in accordance with City standards to prevent flooding or property damage to adjacent properties both during construction and when your project is complete.
- Locate underground services before you dig by contacting Ontario One Call (ontarioonecall.ca or 1-800-400-2255) to avoid impacting neighbourhood services.
- Make sure you have all the appropriate approvals, including building permits and right of way permits to cross municipal property (i.e. heavy machinery crossing over a sidewalk) or work on municipal property.

During construction . . .

- Respect your neighbours' property (do not litter, encroach or park on their property).
- Ensure driveways and sidewalks remain unobstructed and provide safe passage for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Post your building permit placard in a clearly visible location so your neighbours are aware that plans have been reviewed by the City (when a permit is required).
- Be reasonable and mindful of the noise, dust and dirt that can result from construction projects and ensure that you are following City By-laws. See last page for additional resources.
- Be mindful of the placement of portable toilets and waste dumpsters (sight and smell).
- Dispose of construction waste properly (do not burn waste, do not improperly dispose of construction or hazardous waste).
- Inform your neighbours immediately if you have damaged their property and repair damages within a reasonable time.

Stay Safe . . .

- If your site could pose a danger, ensure that precautions are taken (such as installing a fence) to prevent access to the site.
- Do not leave dangerous building materials, equipment or vehicles unattended.
- Hire professional and reputable builders and contractors, and ensure they wear and use proper safety equipment (hard hats, protective equipment, etc.).

Are you neighbouring on a construction project?

If you have questions about your neighbour's home renovation project or about construction projects in your neighbourhood, talk to the property owner or builder. Friendly and open communication are key to fostering healthy relationships with fellow residents and to achieving positive outcomes if there are issues or concerns.



Who can help . . .

Who to Contact:	Concern:
Enforcement Services 45 Cedar Pointe Drive Phone: 705-739-4241 Email: Enforcement.Services@barrie.ca	Noise By-law and Property Standards By-law
Service Barrie 70 Collier Street Phone: 705-726-4242 Email: ServiceBarrie@barrie.ca	Other City By-laws related to construction
Ministry of Labour Toll Free: 1-877-202-0008 TTY: 1-855-653-9260	Worker and site safety concerns and dust
Ontario One Call 1-800-400-2255 (24/7) or ontarioonecall.ca	Service locates

CONTACT US

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