



# **Residential Infill Construction**

**The Good Neighbour Guide**



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## Before your project begins . . .

- Communicate with your neighbours and let them know about your project (planned work, timelines, and potential impacts).
- If your neighbours express any concerns, try to address them immediately. This may include disruption to existing fences, shrubs, draining patterns, 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](http://ontarioonecall.ca) (ontarioonecall.ca) 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 (e.g. heavy machinery crossing over a sidewalk) or to perform 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 (City Hall) Phone: 705-726-4242 Email: ServiceBarrie@barrie.ca	Other City By-laws related to construction
Ministry of Labour Phone (Toll Free): 1-877-202-0088 TTY: 1-855-653-9260	Worker and site safety concerns and dust
Ontario One Call ontarioonecall.ca	Service locates

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