



Bylaw Information Update

Fall is here! It's the season of cooler weather, apple harvesting and falling leaves in Cumberland.

This flyer update highlights new and existing bylaws to help everyone stay safe and help promote the smooth operations of the Village for all to enjoy. Topics range from fruit trees and vacation rentals to land clearing fires to winter safety tips.

We hope you find some value in the following information. Please contact Village staff if you have any questions or concerns.



Fruit trees attract bears and other wildlife.
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FRUIT TREES

It is that time of year again when all of the fruit in the Village has ripened. It is imperative that fruit be picked off the tree as soon as it ripens, and not be allowed to fall to the ground and stay there. Allowing fruit to sit on the ground is contrary to the Solid Waste Bylaw No. 1003, Animal Control Bylaw No. 1061, as well as the Fish and Wildlife Act section 33.1 (provincial legislation).

Fruit trees are known to attract bears and other wildlife. This can start habituating them to humans, which often leads to bears and cougars being destroyed for safety reasons as they lose their fear of humans.

UTILITY BOXES

Please be mindful of any utility box (including in-ground boxes) that you may come across or have on your property. All water, storm and sanitary access boxes are to be kept accessible at all times, as stated in Bylaws No. 1023-1025.

Please do not cover utility boxes up or restrict access, as they are often needed for various reasons including for emergency services.

PARKING BUFFER ZONES

Please park 6 metres (19.7 feet) away from any stop sign, uncontrolled intersection, or crosswalk. This helps ensure that the intersection is fully visible for users and is important for intersection safety. Park at least 5 metres (16.4 feet) away from fire hydrants, to allow for emergency services and municipal access.

SOLID WASTE

All garbage, organics and recycling containers must be stored in an animal-proof location or in an animal resistant container until the scheduled collection day, per Section 9 (1)(e) and 9 (1)(l) of the Solid Waste Bylaw No. 1003.

This applies to all items, not only those that are known to attract animals.

VACATION RENTALS

Vacation rentals are permitted within the Village of Cumberland. However, they are only permitted in certain areas of the Village, and they require a Village business license.

To find out more about vacation rental requirements, please contact the Planning department at the Village Office.





UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Property standards help promote a healthy, safe and welcoming environment for residents and visitors. The Prevention of Public Nuisances Bylaw No. 870 states that:

- No property owner or resident shall allow the property to become or to remain unsightly by the accumulation of filth, discarded materials, rubbish or graffiti of any kind.
- Every owner or occupier of real property must:
 - Keep the property clear of noxious weeds, and other untended growth,
 - Prevent infestation of insects, vermin or rodents and take all necessary steps to prevent their reappearance, and
 - Remove any accumulation of filth, discarded materials, rubbish or graffiti.

SHIPPING/CARGO CONTAINERS

As of September 2016, cargo containers are not allowed to be placed on a residential property. Some exceptions are:

- Containers placed before September 2016,
- For moving purposes not exceeding 30 days, or
- Licensed contractor use at a construction site.

NEW! LAND CLEARING FIRES

Council has adopted an amendment to the Fire Protection Services and Regulation Bylaw No. 988 which prohibits most land-clearing fires within the Village of Cumberland.

The exceptions are:

- Burning for forestry purposes on private managed forest land, and
- Municipal burning

Municipalities do not have the authority to ban forestry activities. If you have further questions about this or other fire-related matters, contact Mike Williamson, Cumberland Fire Chief at the Village Office.

FENCES

The Zoning Bylaw No. 1027 states that within residential, commercial and mixed-use zones:

- A fence along any front yard may not exceed 1.2 metres (4 feet) in height, and
- A fence along any other side of a yard may not exceed 2 metres (6.6 feet) in height.

WINTER SAFETY

As winter approaches, residents are reminded that sidewalks must be cleared of snow by the adjacent property owner or resident. This is to ensure that all residents and visitors, including the young, old, and mobility-impaired, can reach their destinations safely.

In addition, be mindful of parking next to snowbanks created by snowploughs. If your vehicle is parked in the normal lane of traffic, obstructing the normal flow of traffic, or if a fire truck cannot easily travel down the road; it may be ticketed or towed without notice.

This often becomes a traffic, pedestrian, and safety concern after a large snowfall and or multiple snowfalls. When parking, please ensure there is ample room for pedestrians, and for vehicles to travel in both directions without conflict.

For more winter tips, including information on priority snow clearing routes and information for business owners search “winter” at cumberland.ca.

If you have any bylaw-related questions or concerns, please contact the Village of Cumberland at 250-336-2291 or email info@cumberland.ca.

Full copies of the bylaws highlighted in this newsletter are available from the Village upon request. Electronic copies are available at cumberland.ca

