



BYLAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

By-law Officer Contact: Call the Municipal Office. 705-389-2842 Ext 8 (7 days a week 24 hours a day)

Non-urgent messages – email: fire@vianet.ca, allow 24 hours for response

Please ensure you leave your name, contact number, type of concern and full civic address. An Officer will contact you as soon as possible.

Full copies of the By-Laws are available on the Township of McKellar's website:

www.township.mckellar.on.ca

Effective July 2011, the Township of McKellar implemented an enhanced By-law/Provincial Offences Enforcement Program. The primary focus of this initiative is to reinforce our common goals of providing a safe and peaceful environment for the ratepayers and visitors to the Township of McKellar.

This expanded format includes 24 hour, 7 day a week coverage, which not only includes responding to reported occurrences, but also includes routine, random area patrols throughout the municipality. This is being accomplished through the use of 2 experienced By-law/Provincial Offences officers.

In order to ensure cooperative continuity, if you have any questions as to the guidelines that may be applicable to your personal situation in the municipality, please contact the municipal office or visit the Township of McKellar website to view a copy of the By-Law in question.

Some enforcement sectors will include but not be limited to the following:

Parking

(a) Posted/signed "No Parking" designated areas are there to deter vehicles being parked (especially near beach(s)/boat launch ramps). Such violations present a safety hazard to traffic using the roadway as well as interfering with Emergency Services vehicles.

(b) Vehicles parked on shoulder/roadway portions of municipal roads also create a serious safety hazard. Officers will be enforcing illegal parking violations. Should a repeat violation occur, or if the placement of the vehicle on the first violation presents a traffic safety concern, it can and will be ticketed or towed/impounded at the owner's expense.

Noise Issues/Complaints

Noise complaints will be dealt with 24 hours a day. If a violation is validated by a Municipal Officer and/or OPP and the issue is not terminated immediately charges will be laid. Minimum fines of \$200.00 per each offender are applicable and/or Summons to Provincial Offences Court can be laid. It should also be noted that if renters/visitors to a property are responsible for a noise related disturbance, the actual property owner can also be charged. In the event of repeat violations at the same location, a court order under legislation can be applied for, which can close or negate use of the property in question.

Clean Yards Standards

The Clean Yards By-law ensures properties, both residential and commercial, are maintained to a standard which is not only safe, but also presents a cosmetic appearance that prevents devaluation of the property itself and those in the area. If you have any concerns or wish clarification of acceptable compliance, an officer would be pleased to review guidelines with you.

Trailer Occupancy/Use

The Trailer Licence By-law prevents a land owner/renter from using a RV style trailer as a residence (seasonal or full time) in place of constructing a proper structure that meets Building Code criteria. In our goal to encourage property owners to design and build a residence; there is a program in place whereby property owners may apply at the Township Office for a Trailer Permit. Please contact the Municipal Office for further details.

Waste Management

In order to maintain an environmentally compatible and safe waste removal/disposal program, the municipality provides a waste transfer site on Lee's Rd off of Center Rd., south of McKellar Village. This site is fully equipped to handle household waste, and is set up to collect all recyclable materials. The site is open during the following hours:

Transfer Station Hours	
October 1 st -April 30 th	
Saturday	10AM-4PM
Sunday	10AM-4PM
Wednesday	10AM-4PM
May 1 st -September 30 th	
Saturday	10AM-4PM
Sunday	12PM-8PM
Wednesday	12PM-8PM

Please note that this site is for the use of property owners of the Township of McKellar only. Contact the municipal office for your Transfer Station User Card. Violators who dispose of waste materials outside of the Transfer Station gates or elsewhere in the municipality are subject to charges, fines or court summons.

ATV / Trail Bikes

These motorized recreation vehicles are allowed on Township Roads in most areas. Note that licensing and insurance criteria set out under the Provincial Highway Traffic Act, and All Terrain Vehicles Act, will be enforced. Please also note that helmets are mandatory as are the regulations governing two persons on a machine. These vehicles are not allowed in parks, beaches, or recreational areas in the Township. Violation of the above regulations will result in fines and could result in the seizure/impound of the device.

Fire Safety

As we live in a woodland type environment, not only is fire safety critical in our homes and business facilities but it is similarly vital that all outdoor burning be done in a safe format.

The following overview is based on Section 2.6.3.4 of the Ontario Fire Code:

-Conditions in Effect April 1st to October 31st

-Burning of wood, brush, wood by-products only-No burning of household waste, plastics, rubber, shingles, metals and related materials at any time

-Violations can lead to fines as well as cost recovery of responding fire apparatus levied against the violator(s)

Open Air Burning information is available on the Township website or at the Township Office

Fireworks

Consumer fireworks are allowed on the following holidays and three days preceding or following each of these days; Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day, Family Day and Good Friday. The permitted time is dusk to dawn of the same day. All other uses of fireworks require a valid "Fireworks Permit" issued by the Chief Fire Official or his or her designate. Fireworks are prohibited during an extreme fire rating.

Sky Lanterns

Please note it is illegal to sell or use sky lanterns in the Township of McKellar.