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## ACCESSIBLE PARKING

People with disabilities represent a major and growing part of our population. By 2026, it is estimated that 16% of people in Canada will have a disability. Disabilities can be physical, visual, auditory and non-visible and affect key areas of daily living.

The Town of Halton Hills is committed to improving accessibility for persons with disabilities in a manner that respects dignity, independence, integration and equality of opportunity. In light of this commitment, the Town works to ensure that all public parking areas provide the required designated accessible parking spaces. Accessible parking spaces assist those with disabilities in gaining access to their destination and provide more space to maneuver in and out of their vehicles.

The Uniform Traffic Control By-law provides that no person shall park a vehicle at any time on any highway or parts thereof in a designated accessible parking space unless a currently valid permit has been issued to that person, organization or to a

passenger being picked up or transported in the vehicle, in accordance with the provisions of Ontario's Highway Traffic Act and the municipal by-law. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in a significant fine.



**Note:** Accessible parking permits are only to be used by the person(s) to whom they were issued. The registered permit holder must be present when the accessible parking permit is used.

### Accessible Parking Space Access Aisles

Access aisles are located beside accessible parking spaces and are marked with hatching (i.e. diagonal yellow or white lines). All persons, including those who hold a valid accessible parking permit, may park in, on or in front of an access aisle. Parking in these areas without a valid permit may result in a significant fine.

## DUMPING

With its vast rural area, including several isolated locations, Halton Hills has seen a rise in illegal dumping over the years. Enforcement Services has experienced a spike in illegal dumping investigations of items such as mattresses, bricks, water softeners, shingles, and paint cans.

The Town's Community Standards By-law prohibits individuals from using any land or property within Halton Hills as a dumping ground or for the disposal, storage or keeping of refuse of any kind. Both Enforcement Services and Halton Regional Police may charge individuals for illegally dumping on Town or private property.

Enforcement Services encourages rural residents to remain vigilant about what is happening in their neighbourhood and to report anything that seems out of place. To report an individual who is actively dumping waste illegally, contact Halton Regional Police. To report the location(s) of where items have been illegally dumped, contact Enforcement Services at 905-873-2600, ext. 2330 or [enforcement@haltonhills.ca](mailto:enforcement@haltonhills.ca).

**Note:** The Town cannot enforce the by-law without a witness. Residents are encouraged to provide licence plate information and a description of the vehicle and the occupants, where possible, to commence an investigation.

## BUSINESS LICENSING

The administration and enforcement of the Town's Business Licensing By-law 2005-0067 provides a layer of protection for consumers by regulating and monitoring business operators to ensure that they are meeting the standards of governing by-laws while operating in Halton Hills. Holding a valid business licence issued by the Town is imperative to ensure businesses comply with by-law regulations and limitations.

Enforcement Services ensures that business owners continue to meet requirements under the Town's Business Licensing By-law after licenses have been issued following any applicable inspections. These inspections ensure that businesses meet established standards for consumer protection, health and safety, are located in areas permitted under the Zoning By-law, and are properly insured.

Business operators are encouraged to review the [Business Licensing By-law](#) for further details regarding the applicable regulations. The [Business Licensing Application Form](#) can be submitted directly to [businesslicensing@haltonhills.ca](mailto:businesslicensing@haltonhills.ca).

### Making a complaint

If you suspect that a business is operating illegally, contact Enforcement Services at 905-873-2600, ext. 2330 or [enforcement@haltonhills.ca](mailto:enforcement@haltonhills.ca). Please note that we require your assistance to effectively address your concern, which includes providing specific dates and times of business activity.

## NOISE COMPLAINTS

The Town's Noise By-law 2010-0030 regulates and prohibits noise within Halton Hills. Excessive sound and inadequately controlled noise may impair public health, safety and welfare, and become a nuisance.

Under the Noise By-law, residents are prohibited from emitting, causing or permitting the emission of sound contrary to the permissible time and place outlined in [Schedule A](#). Some of the types of sounds listed in the by-law include:

- Noise from any domestic pet or other animal;
- Operation, loading, or unloading of any Construction equipment;
- Operation or use of any tool or device for customary domestic purposes including the servicing, repair, or maintenance of the property (other than snow removal);
- Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing;
- Operation of a dirt bike, trail bike, moped, snowmobile,
- Miniature motorcycle, all terrain cycle, go-cart, dune buggy or any like motorized vehicle;
- Operation of any combustion engine and any associated devices without an effective exhaust or in-take muffling device.

To report noise from arguing, screaming, shouting, use of insulting or obscene language or other disorderly conduct, contact Halton Regional Police at 905-825-4777. This activity may constitute a criminal offence. Complaints related to excessive noise from parties should also be directed to Halton Regional Police.

The enforcement of noise complaints is challenging and the Town's enforcement officers need assistance from the public. Often, the person making the complaint is asked to record details about the noise for at least 14 days to assist enforcement officers with their investigation.



To report excessive and inadequately controlled noise, contact Enforcement Services at 905-873-2600, ext. 2330 or [enforcement@haltonhills.ca](mailto:enforcement@haltonhills.ca).

### Noise Exemptions

Council may, by resolution upon receipt of a written application, grant an exemption from the provisions of Part 2 (qualitative) or Part 3 (quantitative) of the Noise By-law in connection with an event or activity, to any person, with respect to any source of Sound for which a person might otherwise be prosecuted, for such period of time and subject to such terms and conditions as Council deems advisable. Council may refuse to grant any exemption or may grant an exemption of lesser effect than applied for and any exemption granted shall specify the time period during which it is effective.

## SIGNS

The Town's Sign By-law 2003-0065 controls any sign located outside a building wall, whether on private property or Town road allowance. Portable sign permits are required for permanent and temporary signs. A list of signs that do not require a permit can be found in the [sign by-law](#).

### Portable Sign Permit Application

Individuals, tenants, sign companies, or owners who wish to erect a sign in Halton Hills must submit the appropriate Portable Sign Permit Application based on the requested number of days for display of the portable sign. The Town offers [30-day](#), [60-day](#) or [12-month](#) durations. Applicants must also submit a [Certificate of Insurance](#) and [Property Owner's Consent to Display a Portable Sign on Private Property](#). Once all required documentation is received, staff will process and issue the Portable Sign Permit Application.

For further information regarding portable signs and sign variances, contact Enforcement Services at 905-873-2600, ext. 2330 or [enforcement@haltonhills.ca](mailto:enforcement@haltonhills.ca).

### Permanent Signs

Individuals, tenants, sign companies, or owners who wish to erect a sign in Halton Hills must obtain a Building Permit for Permanent Signs. Where the proposed sign cannot be erected in compliance with the sign by-law, a [Sign Variance Application](#) may be submitted. Please note that this application process takes approximate three (3) months to complete.

For more information regarding the building permit application process for a permanent sign, contact Building Services at 905-873-2600, ext. 2216.

**Note:** The Town has no jurisdiction on regional roads or provincial highways. Permanent signs on private property adjacent to provincial highways require a permit from the Ministry of Transportation before a building permit can be issued by the Town.

To report a sign that does not comply with the requirements of the sign by-law, contact Enforcement Services at 905-873-2600, ext. 2330 or [enforcement@haltonhills.ca](mailto:enforcement@haltonhills.ca).

## USE OF PARKS

Halton Hills is surrounded by the natural beauty of the escarpment and rural Ontario scenery. Discover nature within our community on over 30km of trails that intersect with many parks and places of interest. The Town has over 30 local parks that offer a variety of family-friendly activities, including playgrounds, sports fields, skate parks, splash pads, gardens, pavilions and much more. To search for a park in your area, visit the [parks and facilities webpage](#).

The Town's Parks By-law 2013-0062 sets out regulations for the use and protection of parks within the Halton Hills. Generally, the By-law prohibits any person from:

- Entering or remaining in a park between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.;
- Entering a park contrary to signage that prohibits or restricts admission to the public;
- Dwell, camp or lodge in a park; and
- Utilizing a park for any community or special event without the necessary permit issued by the Town.

Please review the [Parks By-law](#) for a full list of prohibited conduct. These regulations are in place to ensure the lawful use, enjoyment, and operation of parks within Halton Hills.

To report unauthorized activities in a park, contact Enforcement Services at 905-873-2600, ext. 2330 or [enforcement@haltonhills.ca](mailto:enforcement@haltonhills.ca).

## DOGS

### Designated leash-free areas

Leash-free parks promote better social, physical and mental health for dogs and owners alike. A leash-free exercise area is an integral part of community development. These parks allow dogs to run off leash under the supervision and control of their owners.

The Town offers three well lit, fenced areas to exercise and socialize your dog while enjoying a chat with other dog owners.

1. Cedarvale Park, 181 Main Street South, Georgetown;
2. Trafalgar Sports Park, 11494 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown; and
3. Prospect Park, 30 Park Avenue, Acton.



All of these sites are managed in cooperation with the [Leash Free Halton Hills](#) group and are available for public use between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily. For more information regarding leash-free areas, contact Recreation and Parks at 905-873-2600, ext. 2274.

For a list of all Town of Halton Hills municipal by-laws, please visit our [enforcement services webpage](#).