

How do I apply for an outdoor patio?

How to apply

We're here to help you through this process.

- 1 Call the Planning & Development department at **403.268.5311** or speak to us through live chat at www.calgary.ca/chat.
- 2 Talk to our Community Planning team. They will help you determine if you need a temporary permission or a development permit.

You need a temporary permission if:	You need a development permit if:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patio is on a road or right of way (public property). • The patio is on public land (city-owned). 	The patio is on private property like a parking lot.
Both are required if the patio will straddle private and public property.	

Fees

Temporary permission	Development permit
<p>Free</p> <p>The fee is currently being waived and temporary permission for patios will be valid until the end of 2021 patio season.</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>The fee is currently being waived.</p>

What is a development permit?

Development permits for outdoor patios are a discretionary permit. They require circulation, a notice posting, and 21-day appeal period. Find out more at calgary.ca/mybusiness.



What if I have an existing outdoor patio?

If you have an existing outdoor patio that has already been approved to operate this summer, you do not need to reapply for 2021.

Choosing a location

When considering if a temporary patio will work for your location, evaluate if your site can still maintain pedestrian safety and accessibility. The temporary permission comes with conditions, including requirements from Alberta Health and Occupational Health and Safety.

Ideas for your temporary patio:

- Place tables and chairs on the road
- Use outdoor space for retail racks or displays
- Place registers or payment terminals outdoors

The use of outdoor space is one way to enable more physical distancing for both patrons and staff.

Health and safety

Businesses with temporary patios will be required to follow Alberta Health Services requirements, guidance from the Chief Medical Officer of Alberta, as well as Occupational Health and Safety requirements.

You must acknowledge:

- Protecting pedestrian accessibility
- Insurance
- Indemnification

If serving alcohol, establishments are required to follow Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC) requirements and permitting requirements.

