By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services Division

Newsletter

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Working Together to Keep Markham Safe and Vibrant



Markham's Municipal Law Enforcement Officers work every day to help keep our community safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone. Through a combination of proactive enforcement, public education, and community engagement, the By-law & Regulatory Services Division supports residents, businesses, and visitors by enforcing a variety of municipal by-laws, including parking control, property standards, and tree preservation.

Thank You to Our Summer Students

This summer, our dedicated student teams played an important role in supporting City operations and enhancing our community.

Our Summer Signs Students assisted with proactive and complaint-based enforcement of unlawfully placed lawn signs, helping maintain clean, orderly, and visually appealing public spaces throughout Markham.

Our Tree Preservation Students supported the protection of Markham's urban forest through inspections, site monitoring, and investigations related to tree protection and preservation requirements.

Beyond their daily responsibilities, our summer students demonstrated exceptional community spirit by organizing a food and clothing drive in support of local organizations, including the Markham Food Bank, 360°kids, and a local women's shelter. Their efforts helped support individuals and families in need while making a meaningful difference in our community.



Thank you to all our summer students for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to public service.

Community Engagement



The By-law & Regulatory Services Division is proud to be an active part of the Markham community. Throughout the year, our team participates in local events, educational initiatives, and public outreach opportunities that help strengthen connections with residents.

Our work is guided by three key principles:
Educate. Engage. Enforce.
By working together with residents, we can help build a safer, cleaner, and more connected community.

Bright Spots in the Community

Positive feedback from residents reminds us why public service matters. We are proud to share a few comments received from community members:

"I really appreciate your time, support, kindness, and professionalism."

"I am incredibly glad that I walked into City Hall and sat down with you."

"Thank you for resolving my ticket. I am deeply impressed by your compassion, openness, and commitment to addressing broader parking concerns in our community."

Seasonal Property & Tree Care



Fall Yard Maintenance

Leaves can be a valuable resource for your lawn. Consider mulching leaves and leaving them on your property where possible to return nutrients to the soil and promote healthy growth.

Please do not rake or blow leaves onto City roads, sidewalks, or boulevards.

Protect Our Trees

Healthy trees contribute to a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable city.

Tree roots require air, water, and nutrients to thrive. Activities such as excavation, soil compaction, and covering root zones with hard surfaces can damage trees and affect their long-term health.

Whether on public or private property, protecting trees helps preserve Markham's urban forest for future generations.





Right: The City collaborated with the provincial government to plant trees on City parks.

Operation ABC: Always Be Careful

As students return to school, pedestrian and road safety remain a shared responsibility. Whether you're driving, walking, or cycling, everyone plays a role in keeping school zones safe.

When Driving in a School Zone

- Slow down and obey posted speed limits.
- Stay alert and be prepared to stop.
- Wait for children to completely cross before proceeding.
- Follow directions from crossing guards.
- Stop for school buses when required.
- Set a positive example for young and new drivers.

When Driving Children to School

- Consider parking away from the school and walking with your child.
- Arrive early to help reduce traffic congestion.
- Follow parking signs and directions from safety officials.
- Have children exit from the passenger side whenever possible.
- Be patient and courteous to other parents, students, and pedestrians.

School Zone Safety Tips

Pedestrians

- Use the Sidewalk
- Cross at the Right Place
- Stop, Look, and Listen
- Be Seen
- Walk Across Safely
- Stay with a Buddy and Listen to Crossing Guards

Drivers

- Watch for Changing Lights
- Stop for Pedestrians
- Slow Down
- Stay Focused
- Be Patient
- Don't Pass Near a Crosswalk or Intersection
- Follow all Parking Regulations

Parking Safety & Enforcement

Following parking regulations helps keep school zones, neighbourhoods, and emergency routes safe and accessible.

Fire Route

Fire routes must remain clear at all times to ensure emergency vehicles can respond quickly. Immediate passenger drop-off and pick-up are permitted only while the driver remains with the vehicle. Waiting, parking, or leaving a vehicle unattended is prohibited.



No Stopping

Vehicles may not stop at any time in areas marked "No Stopping," even briefly for passenger drop-off or pick-up.



No Parking

"No Parking" areas are intended for immediate passenger drop-off and pick-up only. Drivers may not wait, remain parked, or leave their vehicles unattended.





Overnight Parking Reminder

Parking is not permitted on City streets between 2:30 AM and 6 AM.

During snow clearing and winter maintenance operations, parking on City streets is prohibited and vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Keep Intersections Clear

Proper visibility is essential for road safety. Avoid parking within 9 metres of an intersection and 15 metres from a signalized intersection to help ensure clear sightlines for drivers and pedestrians.

Road Occupancy Permits



A Road Occupancy Permit may be required when work or activities affect a City road, boulevard, sidewalk, or public right-of-way.

Permits help ensure public safety, maintain traffic flow, protect emergency access, and minimize disruption to residents. Always confirm permit requirements before beginning work that may impact public property.

Noise Exemptions

Construction and amplified sound activities must comply with permitted operating hours under the City's Noise By-law.

Day	Construction Noise	Amplified Sound
Monday - Thursday	7 AM to 7 PM	7 AM to 5 PM
Friday	7 AM to 7 PM	7 AM to 11 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 5 PM	7 AM to 11 PM
Sunday	Not Allowed	9 AM to 5 PM

For information regarding noise exemptions, please contact:

Email: NoiseExemption@markham.ca
Phone: 905.477.7000 ext. 3028
Apply online: markham.ca/Permits

Stay Connected

Thank you for helping keep Markham safe, accessible, and vibrant.

For information about by-laws, permits, parking regulations, property standards, and tree preservation, visit **markham.ca/ByLaw.**



Contact Information

Property Standards

For inquiries, contact:
PropertyStandards@markham.ca

Parking Operations

24 hours / 7 days a week

For inquiries, contact:
ParkingAdmin@markham.ca

Tree Preservation

7:30 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays

For inquiries, contact:
TreePreservationAdmin@markham.ca

How to Report a Concern

Contact our Contact Centre at **905.477.5530** or email **CustomerService@markham.ca**