

By-laws at a Glance

This summary document is for reference only. Residents and visitors are responsible for reading and understanding all municipal by-laws. Information and by-law documents can be found online at OwenSound.ca/By-laws.

Fireworks and Open-Air Fire By-laws

Fireworks Restrictions



There are restrictions on the use of fireworks, including when and where they can be discharged without a permit. Fireworks are prohibited at short-term rentals. Before purchasing or lighting fireworks, visit OwenSound.ca/Bylaws.

No Open-Air Fires



Fires are not allowed to be set or continue burning unless they are a ceremonial fire, a cooking fire, or a recreational fire. Fires are not permitted in the River District (downtown core), parks, public land, or on property that contains multiple dwellings or townhouses.

Fire Safety



Fires must be supervised at all times and there must be a ready means of safely extinguishing the fire. Do not burn prohibited materials - only burn commercially produced briquettes, clean dry wood or charcoal in a cooking fire. Fires are permitted 2 pm - 2 am.

Property Standards and Yard Maintenance By-laws

Property Maintenance



Inspect your property. Repair broken, cracked or loose siding, masonry, shingles, flashing, soffits or eavestroughs. Maintain weatherproofing on surfaces with paint or other suitable materials. Address all health and safety concerns.

Waste



Keep property clear of all waste materials such as discarded, broken or damaged items, garbage, animal waste, scrap metal or lumber, or unlicensed/wrecked vehicles.

Long Grass & Weeds



Grass, weeds and other plant material must be maintained and cut to a max height of 10 cm (4 in) unless it is in a garden or approved by the City. Remove all noxious weeds.

Nuisance and Noise By-laws

Nuisance



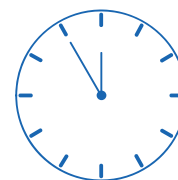
Loitering, fighting, damaging or destroying property, or engaging in conduct or activity in a public place that is restricted by a sign is prohibited. Do not apply graffiti or litter on public or private property.

Excessive Noise



No unnecessary or excessive noise/sounds that disturbs the quiet, enjoyment, or convenience of any person are allowed at any time.

Quiet Hours



Quiet time in residential areas is 11 pm - 7 am. This is strictly enforced particularly for short-term rentals.