

Media Release

Yard Maintenance Standards in the City of Owen Sound

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Growing grass and weeds may thrive in the current Spring weather, but the City of Owen Sound By-law Enforcement Division wants to remind residents of the City's yard maintenance requirements.

All residents and property owners, including rental and vacant land properties in the City, are responsible for ensuring grass and weeds are maintained to be no taller than 10 cm or 4 inches (15 cm or 6 inches on vacant lands). Residents are also asked to keep yards clear of waste material. Examples of waste include:

- Garbage
- Accumulation of grass clippings
- Vehicle parts
- Appliances
- Animal waste
- Cardboard
- Any other discarded/unused materials

To report any yard maintenance issues, please complete the City's Report A Concern form online at [OwenSound.ca/ReportAConcern](https://www.owensound.ca/ReportAConcern).

The By-law Enforcement Division is here to help. If you have any concerns or questions regarding City by-laws, visit [OwenSound.ca/Bylaw](https://www.owensound.ca/Bylaw), phone 519-376-4440 ext. 1905, or email enforcement@owensound.ca.

Quick Facts:

- The [Yard Maintenance By-law](#) requires property owners to remove waste material, including garbage, accumulation of grass clippings,

vehicle parts, appliances, animal waste, cardboard, any discarded/unused materials, and more.

- Property owners are also responsible for ensuring their grass does not exceed 10 cm or 4 inches tall (15 cm or 6 inches on vacant lands).
- To report issues, please complete the City's Report A Concern form online at OwenSound.ca/ReportAConcern.

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