



SHORT-TERM RENTAL GUESTS BY-LAW SUMMARIES

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INTRODUCTION



This booklet provides a summary of key Township of Georgian Bay by-laws to help short-term rental guests understand important local regulations during their stay.

It covers essential rules related to burning, noise, animal control, and other community standards to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for both visitors and residents.

While this guide highlights the most relevant by-laws, it does not include every detail of the Township's regulations. Guests are still responsible for reviewing and complying with all applicable by-laws.

For complete and up-to-date information, we encourage you to visit the Township's official website:

(<https://www.gbtownship.ca/en/township-hall/by-laws-and-policies.aspx>)

Following these guidelines helps maintain a respectful and positive relationship with the community. We appreciate your cooperation and hope you enjoy your stay!

Burning

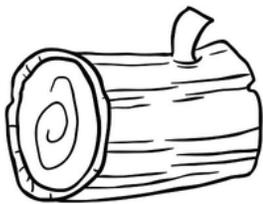
Burning By-law 2019-18

Being a by-law to regulate the setting of fires, prevent the spreading of fires and to establish a fire permit system.

Goal and Objectives

To regulate open burning in order to protect public health, safety, and the environment by reducing fire hazards, minimizing air pollution, and ensuring compliance with local and provincial regulation

Common Violations and Penalties



Burning prohibited materials

- Every person conducted an open air burn shall only burn clean, dry seasoned wood or yard waste.
- **Penalties** → \$400.00



Burn without a current fire permit

- No person shall set or maintain a fire unless a permit has been issued by the Township.
- Only the property owner can be issued a permit for the property. Ensure the permit is onsite before burning!
- **Penalties** → \$400.00



Burning during High or Extreme

- No person shall burn or discharge fireworks during High or Extreme fire ratings.
- **Penalties** → \$400.00 (burn) or \$500.00 (fireworks)



Animal Control

Animal Control By-law 2024-030

Being a by-law to regulate various matters relating to the keeping, licensing, and controlling of animals.

Goal and Objectives

To establish clear guidelines for dog ownership, including licensing, nuisance control, and dangerous dog regulations, to minimize risks to public health and safety, as well as enhance the quality of life for residents and their pets.

Common Violations and Penalties

	<p>Poop and Scoop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every owner of a dog shall immediately remove excrement left by the dog anywhere in the Township. • Penalties → \$300.00
	<p>Dogs Running Loose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every owner of a dog shall ensure that their dog does not run at large within the Township. • Penalties → \$300.00 + Impoundment
	<p>Dangerous Dogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No owner or person in control of a dog shall fail to prevent the dog from biting or attacking any person or domestic animal. • Penalties → \$500.00



Fireworks

Fireworks By-law 2022-009

Being a by-law to prohibit the setting off of fireworks.

Goal and Objectives

To establish clear guidelines on when and where fireworks can be used, and outline enforcement measures to reduce risks to people and property, while promoting responsible celebrations.

Common Violations and Penalties



Prohibited Areas

- No person shall set off fireworks in or on any building, highway, sidewalk, municipal park, or municipal property.
- **Penalties** → \$500.00



Prohibited Times + Days

- Only permitted between dusk and 11:00pm
- Only permitted on Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Day, Labour Day, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day (including two days preceding and one day following)
- **Penalties** → \$500.00



Without owner consent

- No person shall discharge fireworks without consent of property owner.
- **Penalties** → \$500.00



Noise By-law 2022-030

Being a by-law to provide for the regulation and prohibition of noise that may or is likely to disturb the public peace and for the prevention of public nuisances.

Goal and Objectives

To establish regulations that minimize excessive noise disturbances, protect public health and well-being, and promote a peaceful environment by setting acceptable noise levels, enforcement measures, and exemptions for necessary activities

Common Violations and Penalties



Yelling and Shouting

- No person shall yell, shout, hoot, whistle, or sing from 10:00pm one day to 7:00am the next day
- **Penalties** → \$300.00



Amplified Sound from speakers

- No person shall operate any loud speakers or similar devices from 10:00pm one day to 7:00am the next day
- **Penalties** → \$300.00



Barking Dogs

- No owner shall allow a dog or domestic pet to bark, whine, or create other similar sounds exceeding 30 minutes.
- **Penalties** → \$300.00



Clean Yards

Clean Yards By-law 2008-91

Being a by-law to provide for maintaining land in a clean and clear condition

Goal and Objectives

To ensure properties within the Township are maintained in a clean, safe, and orderly condition by preventing the accumulation of waste, debris, and overgrown vegetation, thereby promoting public health, safety, and neighborhood aesthetics.

Common Violations and Penalties



Throwing or Placing Waste Material

- No person shall throw, place or deposit waste material on any property within the Township.
- **Penalties** → \$300.00

Before disposing of your garbage or taking it with you, please review the Waste Disposal Plan provided to you or reach out to the property owner for guidance. This will ensure you handle waste properly during your visit.

If you need to remove your waste, visit the District of Muskoka Garbage and Recycling webpage to find the most convenient drop-off location:

(<https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling/drop-off-locations-and-landfill.aspx>)