

In order to provide a safe environment which promotes good neighbourly relations for both residents and corporate citizens, the Borough of Saint-Laurent has adopted regulations to manage nuisances to ensure the tranquility and well-being of all.

What is a nuisance?

The following actions are considered nuisances and are prohibited:

- Releasing sparks, cinders, or smoke from an open-air fire, fireplace, barbecue or any other source, which spread to neighbouring properties so as to dirty, damage, or inconvenience the neighbourhood.
- Throwing, dropping or leaving food outside a building or a dwelling.
- Causing or permitting excessive noise.
- Releasing odours, dust, or particles of any kind so as to inconvenience the neighbourhood and adversely affect the comfort of the public.
- Installing or using a private exterior lighting system whose light extends beyond the limits of the private property in which it is installed, so as to inconvenience the neighbourhood.

Special provisions related to noise

The following noise emissions are considered nuisances and are prohibited:

- Causing or permitting excessive noise by operating an industrial or commercial establishment or by conducting a trade or an occupation in way that inconveniences the neighbourhood.
- Using an instrument or appliance producing a noise that inconveniences the neighbourhood.
- Any activity related to construction work, vehicle or appliance repair, which generates noise inconveniencing the neighbourhood during the following times:
 - Monday to Friday 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Saturday 12 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.
 - Sunday and public holidays At any time

Exceptions

Noises from household maintenance activities are permitted during the following times:

- Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Noise from construction work done near a residential sector is permitted only from Monday to Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Maximum sound levels

The maximum sound level in decibels (dB) is determined according to the use of the space and is established as follows:

	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.	9 p.m. - 7 a.m.
RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS		
Bedrooms	45 dB	40 dB
Other rooms	50 dB	45 dB
OTHER BUILDINGS		
Offices closed to the public	45 dB	45 dB
Offices open to the public	50 dB	50 dB
OTHER		
Parks, courts and fields (recreation or sport)	60 dB	50 dB

Exempt activities

Constant and intermittent noise resulting from the activities listed below is exempt from the intensity limitations and schedules described in this infosheet:

- Work of public benefit
- Authorized celebrations in a public space
- Road, railway, and air traffic
- Snow removal on public streets
- Elevator, garage door, plumbing noises heard from within a dwelling

Noise intensity calculation

Noise intensity must be calculated by a Borough inspector based on technical standards specified in the *Règlement sur les nuisances*. The Borough will intervene only after receipt of a complaint.

Complaint procedure

Any citizen feeling inconvenienced by a nuisance can report it by telephoning 311.

Borough inspectors are authorized to enter a dwelling, a property, a building or a construction site in order to ensure that no nuisance is being caused there.



Information: 311 - ville.montreal.qc.ca/saint-laurent/infosheets

Legal framework: Règlement sur les nuisances n° 1140
Règlement sur le contrôle des animaux n° RCA13-08-4

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