



GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Handbook



 Saint-Léonard
Montréal 





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MESSAGE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

As you know, city living entails a certain amount of responsibility. That's why we have rules—to help us be good neighbours to our fellow citizens.

In Saint-Léonard, we constantly strive to improve our quality of life and to make our borough a cleaner and safer place to live. In these efforts, your collaboration is vital. Working together, hand in hand and bit by bit, we can make our borough a place where we live in harmony.

The following booklet outlines important guidelines on cleanliness, the environment, civic mindedness, snow removal, and several other topics that govern the way we live together in society.

The borough council



Cleanliness

While Saint-Léonard's cleanliness is at the heart of the Borough Council's concerns, it is also of vital importance to most residents. That's why a by-law on cleanliness was adopted in October 2008, outlining the duties and requirements of residents as a way of maintaining the quality of life in our beautiful borough. The by-law applies equally to the other Montréal boroughs.

It is important to note that this by-law states that everyone must actively participate in keeping the city clean. The by-law stipulates, for example, that it is forbidden to:

- throw out, deposit, or bury unclean or harmful substances on public or private property;
- sweep fallen leaves or garbage of any kind onto public streets; and
- sully public property with a vehicle.

Also note that building and land owners must maintain the property and keep it free of all unclean or harmful substances, even if they are not personally responsible for said substances. They must also ensure their grass is kept under 15 cm. Moreover, all buildings and other structures must be kept free of graffiti.

The borough could, of course, clean the property or take the necessary remedial action at the perpetrator's cost. It is therefore important that we all actively take part in keeping our environment clean and safe.

To find out more, consult by-law 2153.



Dogs

Did you know that there are several thousand dogs in Saint-Léonard? That would make for a lot of doggy doo doo if owners weren't careful about cleaning up after their dogs when out in public. It is therefore important for dog owners to stoop and scoop, whether on public or private property.

Out of consideration for those who are scared of dogs, please keep your four-legged friends on a leash when using our sidewalks. What's more, dogs are prohibited—even on a leash—in our parks and public areas.

For your neighbours' peace of mind, you are required to keep your dog within the limits of your property, either by means of a 1.5-metre fence, by keeping your canine tethered, or simply by providing an enclosure for it. Also note that any dog that yaps, causes damage, bites, or disturbs the peace, even from your own private property, constitutes a nuisance. The dog park, however, at the northeast corner of Jarry and Arthur-Péloquin is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Lastly, all dogs must wear an identification tag. Such tags are issued by the borough and must be renewed annually. A maximum of two dogs are permitted per dwelling unit and pit bulls are forbidden.

To find out more, consult by-law 2162.



Landscaping Residential Property

A beautifully landscaped yard really stands out! Saint-Léonard is known for its beautiful residential streets, which is why, before landscaping your front yard, you should get familiar with a few rules.

At least 20% of the front yard must be covered with grass, trees, shrubs, flowers, or rockery. If the property includes a building with six or more dwellings, it must also have a three-metre strip of lawn along the property line. This grassy strip will count towards the 20% of required surface area.

If you want to build a parking space or widen your current one, remember that its width must not surpass seven metres on a property with a single-family residence. If you are widening, you must start from the existing space. The space must also be entirely situated in front of the garage, or the main building for buildings with 2–5 dwellings.

To find out more, consult by-law 1886.



Parabolic Antennas (Satellite Dishes)

Antennas are more popular than ever. In order to minimize the visual impact on the environment, you must respect certain rules for setting up your antenna. What's more, a permit (fee: \$50) is required for certain types of antennas.

Antennas are forbidden in front yards. They can however be erected on a roof, so long as they are not visible from the street and are at least two metres from any exterior wall. They may also be installed on side or back walls, at least two metres from the wall facing the street or an extension thereof.

A single antenna exceeding 60 centimetres in diameter is permitted per residential property and a single antenna under 60 centimetres is permitted per dwelling.

Also note that permits are not required to install antennas smaller than 60 centimetres.

To find out more, consult by-law 1886.



Pools

Pools are often at the forefront of our minds when the sweltering summer heat hits. Please note that constructing or placing a pool with a capacity of 10,000 litres of water or more requires a permit. Work or installation must not begin until you have obtained this permit, issued at a cost of \$50.

It is also important to note that you may not install a pool in your front yard, and that a minimum distance of 0.9 metres is required between the edge of the pool and your property line or the main building.

In-ground pools or above-ground pools with walls under 1.2 metres high must be enclosed by a fence between 1.5 and 1.8 metres in height that is installed 0.9 metres from the edge of the pool. The fence must have a self-closing gate and be kept locked at all times.

We also suggest you check with utilities to make sure there are no overhead/underground wires or no-building zones that could prevent you from installing a pool.

To find out more, consult by-law 1886.



Snow Removal

Did you know that Saint-Léonard is consistently the leading borough in terms of snow removal? Indeed, we are committed to providing fast, professional service. But in order to maintain this degree of excellence, we need your help.

It is crucial that all residents respect the temporary “No Parking” snow removal signs. These signs are put up a minimum of 12 hours ahead of time, and free public parking lots are put at your disposal if you do not have a garage or parking space. Call **311** or visit our Web site (ville.montreal.qc.ca/st-leonard) to learn more.

Please note that it is permitted—for residents of residential buildings only—to push snow from their property onto the adjacent street provided that they do so before the borough clears the streets.

To find out more, consult by-law 2154.



Storage Sheds

Gardening and outdoor sport enthusiasts often like to have a shed in their backyard—but did you know that you need a permit to build or install one?

Issued for \$50, the permit will allow you to build or install a single shed on your property, be it in your side yard or backyard. Installing a shed in your front yard is forbidden, as is installing more than one shed on a single property. Your shed must be at least 3 metres from the street line, and at least 0.45 metres from any other property line. Installing a shed on a veranda, porch, balcony, or any other appended structure is also forbidden.

Your shed must not exceed a surface area of 15 square metres, a height of 3.05 metres, or a width or depth of 4.6 metres.

To find out more, consult by-law 1886.

Temporary Car Shelters

Temporary car shelters—better known by the trade name Tempos—are permitted, **from October 15 to April 15**, to protect driveways in front of residential buildings only. A permit is not required, but the authorized installation dates must be scrupulously respected.

Only fabric-covered metal structures are permitted and Tempos are not permitted on U-shaped driveways.

If you wish to use a temporary shelter for reasons other than to protect a vehicle, i.e., to protect stairs leading to a basement or to protect a backyard patio from wind and snow, you must obtain a permit at a cost of \$10. The shelters are subject to specific installation standards according to their location. A technical advisor will give you all the details when you apply for your permit. Like car shelters, these structures are only permitted **from October 15 to April 15**.

To find out more, consult by-law 1886.

Tree Removal on Private Property

Some people want to cut down a tree just because it is blocking sunlight. It's important to remember that trees are essential for the quality of the air and of our environment. That's why, before cutting down a tree in the front yard of your private property, you must obtain a permit at a cost of \$50 and satisfy certain criteria.

The tree must pose a danger to property, be dead, have an irreversible disease, or be on or within three metres of a future construction site.

Note that a permit is not required to cut down trees with a diameter of less than 10 centimetres, measured at 1.3 metres above the ground.

To find out more, consult by-law 1886.

Unauthorized Construction

If you need to do interior or exterior renovations, you must in almost all cases obtain a permit. Only minor repairs or maintenance work do not require a permit.

It is important to note that closing off the space under a balcony in front of a residential building with wood, glass, or metal panels is forbidden. Only masonry products with appropriate foundations are authorized.

To find out more, consult by-laws 1884 and 1886.



Water Usage

During the warmer months, increased use of tap water often leads to decreased water pressure. We are counting on your cooperation to help conserve this precious resource.

From May 1 to September 15, watering systems and sprinklers are forbidden except at the following times:

- between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on even dates for residents of even-numbered houses;
- between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on odd dates for residents of odd-numbered houses.

For example, if you live at 8535 Lacordaire Boulevard, you can water your garden on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, etc. of every month.

Between May 1 and September 15, pools with a capacity greater than 2.5 square metres may not be filled between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.

You may water your plants and gardens at will, using a watering can or a garden hose that is fitted with a trigger nozzle, provided it is in your hands at all times.

You may also wash your car using a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle.

If you are putting in a new lawn, you may water it between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. for a period of 15 consecutive days.

Wasting tap water has become a real issue. Here are a few interesting facts:

- Slightly longer grass uses less water and stays greener longer during droughts.
- Daily watering prevents plants and flowers from digging their roots deeply into the soil to find the water that is already there.
- Sweeping or using water from a bucket rather than from a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways greatly reduces the amounts of water required to clean these surfaces.
- A solar cover on your pool will decrease the amount of water that evaporate, all the while heating your pool.

To find out more, consult by-law 2084.



Wood Heating

Outdoor fireplaces and wood stoves are forbidden on the Island of Montréal.

If you have an indoor fireplace or wood stove, you must store your firewood in your backyard or side yard. Firewood must not be stored in your front yard, not even under a temporary car shelter.

We also recommend that you consider the environment. For example, avoid using your wood burning appliance in periods of heavy smog.

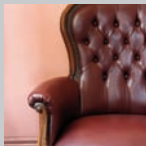
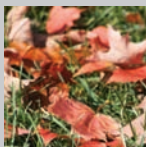
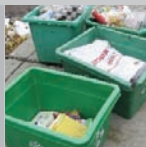
Furthermore, installing or replacing fireplaces has been prohibited on the Island of Montréal since 2009.

To find out more, consult by-laws 1886 and 09-012.

COLLECTION SERVICES


The environment matters to us all. In an effort to reduce waste to its simplest form, we provide a number of different waste collection services. Take advantage of these services and do your part to protect our environment. Below are a series of guidelines to ensure the waste is collected in full compliance with environment standards.

To find out more, consult by-law 2143.





Household Waste




Household waste is collected on Mondays and Thursdays for residences and commercial businesses. Only household waste will be collected—in no case should you throw out recyclable, hazardous, toxic, or explosive waste, or matter such as soil, rocks, or concrete on those days.

Household waste must be placed curbside in garbage cans or garbage bags **between 9 p.m. the night before and 7 a.m. the day of the collection.**

It is strictly forbidden to dispose of household waste in trash cans on the street or in parks.



Recyclable Materials




Recyclables are collected once a week on Fridays. Recyclable materials—paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, and metal—must be placed curbside **between 9 p.m. the night before and 7 a.m. the day of the collection.** Don't forget that all containers must be rinsed clean and cardboard boxes flattened.

You can pick up a recycling bin at the Accès Saint-Léonard office or at Saint-Léonard's Ecoquartier. For more information, call 311.



Yard Trimmings and Leaves




Yard trimmings are collected on **Wednesdays from spring to fall**. Unlike other collections, there aren't regular yard trimming collection days. Please consult our Web site for our collection schedule or dial **311**. Yard trimmings must also be placed curbside **between 9 p.m. the night before and 7 a.m. the day of the collection**.

Yard trimmings include gardening waste, grass clippings, and branches. There are also four special leaf collection dates in the fall.

The Ville de Montréal uses your yard trimmings to make rich compost that is later distributed to residents for free.



Hazardous Household Waste (HHW)



Hazardous household waste includes corrosive, toxic and flammable products, objects or substances and must never be put out with regular garbage.

You have two disposal options: you can either drop HHW off at one of Montréal's Eco-centres or you can take part in Saint-Léonard's two special collections.

Every **May and September**, you can bring your paint tins, used oil, solvents, and other toxic matter to the Wilfrid-Bastien Park parking lot, right across from the borough hall. For the exact dates, call **311** or visit our Web site (ville.montreal.qc.ca/st-leonard).



Household Appliances containing CFCs

More commonly known as CFCs, chlorofluorocarbons are refrigerants found in air conditioners, freezers, and refrigerators. These gases, which are extremely harmful to the environment, are subject to a provincial law stating that CFCs must be removed from all appliances before disposal. It is therefore forbidden to leave your appliances at the curb for regular waste collection.

If you have an appliance you'd like to get rid of, contact the Accès Saint-Léonard office to schedule an appointment and a crew will come pick it up.

Hydro-Québec also offers a free home pick-up service. You can contact them at **1 877 493-7446** or online at www.recyc-frigo.com.



Bulky Waste and Construction, Renovation and Demolition Debris (C&D)

Bulky items (tables, chairs, stoves, sofas, etc.) and C&D (wood, gypsum, bricks, stones, etc.) are collected on the third Monday of each month. Without this special collection, these items end up in landfills and valuable resources are wasted. If your furniture is still in good condition, please consider donating it to a thrift store or one of Montréal's Eco-centres.

Note that household appliances containing CFCs (refrigerators, air conditioners, etc.) will not be collected.



For more information on our collections
or for any other questions concerning the environment,
please contact the Saint-Léonard Ecoquartier.



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You can learn even more
by consulting our municipal by-laws.

While all by-laws are available at the clerk's office,
most are also available online.

It is important to note that these by-laws
help us better enjoy our environment
and continually improve the quality of life
of Saint-Léonard residents.

Don't forget that one person's liberty ends
where another person's liberty begins!

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