

Jurisdictional Scan

	Brampton	Hamilton	Mississauga	Oakville	Toronto	Vaughan
By-law	Ground Cover Maintenance and Prohibited Plants By-law 45-2025	By-law No. 10-118	Turfgrass and Prohibited Plant Species By-law	Lot Maintenance By-law	Chapter 489 TURFGRASS AND PROHIBITED PLANTS	By-law Long Grass and Weeds 125-2022
Definition of Key Terms	<p>“Ground Cover” means low-growing, ground vegetation such as sod with living turfgrass or plants growing in a dense, uniform manner to act as a lawn replacement; but does not include trees, shrubs, bushes or Gardens.</p>	N/A	<p>“Turfgrass” Ground cover of perennial grasses cultivated for lawns and forming a dense, uniform turf when mown.</p>	<p>“Turfgrass” means various perennial grasses grown for lawns, of a type that forms a dense, uniform turf if mowed.</p>	<p>“Turfgrass” Ground cover of various perennial grasses grown for lawns, of a type that forms a dense, uniform turf if mown.</p>	<p>“Grass” means vegetation consisting of typically short plants with long, narrow leaves, growing wild or cultivated on lawns, such as, but not limited to, plants of the Gramineae family.</p>
	<p>“Prohibited Plant” means Noxious Weeds classified by or under the <i>Weed</i></p>	<p>“Noxious weed” means a noxious weed</p>	<p>“Prohibited Plants” Plant species designated by</p>	<p>“Common Weeds” includes, but is not limited to</p>	N/A	N/A

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	Control Act, or plants listed in the Prohibited Plant List, attached as Schedule “A” to this Bylaw.	designated under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> including any weed designated as a local or noxious weed under a by-law of the City passed under that Act.	the City as posing significant risks to human health and therefore prohibited only on private property, where the likelihood of human exposure is highest and management is practical.	crab grass (<i>digitaria</i> sp.), dandelions (<i>taraxacum</i> p.), clovers (<i>melilotus officinalis</i> & <i>melilotus alba</i>), pigweed (<i>amaranthus</i> sp.), and plantain (<i>plantago</i> sp.);		
Height Maximums	20 cm <i>6. Every Owner or Occupant shall maintain all Ground Cover on Private Property and adjacent Boulevards, so as to ensure it does not exceed a height of twenty centimetres (20 cm).</i>	21 cm <i>3.(1)(c)(i) for property located inside the urban boundary that is equal to or less than 0.4 ha in area, to keep all plants cut to a height of equal to or less than 21 cm, except: 1. ornamental plants; 2. shrubs or trees; 3. cultivated</i>	20 cm <i>5. Every Owner of Land shall cut and maintain turfgrass to a height not exceeding 20 centimetres.</i>	20 cm <i>4. (3)(c)...where vegetative growth, common weeds and turfgrass are to be cut whenever the growth in the buffer strip exceeds twenty (20) centimeters in height.</i>	20 cm <i>489-2.A. The owner or occupant of private land shall cut the turfgrass on their land whenever the growth of turfgrass exceeds 20 centimetres in height or length.</i>	20 cm <i>The Owner of private land shall cut the Grass, Weeds and other Ground Cover on the Owner's land and adjacent Boulevard and remove the cuttings whenever their growth exceeds twenty (20) centimetres (approximately</i>

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		<i>fruits or vegetables; or 4. plants buffering or otherwise protecting a natural feature such as a watercourse.</i>				<i>eight (8) inches in height.</i>
Associated Penalty	Administrative Penalty First Offence - \$250 Second Offence - \$375 Subsequent Offence - \$500	Administrative Penalty \$75	Provincial Offence \$305	Administrative Penalty First Offence - \$300 Second Offence - \$400 Subsequent Offence - \$500	Provincial Offence \$500	Administrative Penalty First Offence - \$350 Second and subsequent Offence - \$700
List of prohibited plants/weeds	Schedule A Prohibited Plant List 1. Garlic Mustard 2. Japanese knotweed 3. Phragmites 4. Oriental Bittersweet 5. Yellow floating heart Noxious Weeds List (Weed Control Act) 1. Barberry, common 2. Bedstraw, smooth	<i>Weed Control Act is referenced.</i>	Prohibited Plant List 1. Giant Hogweed 2. Poison Ivy 3. Poison Hemlock 4. Wild Parsnip 5. Poison Sumac	N/A	Schedule A Prohibited Local Weeds 1. Canada thistle 2. Common buckthorn; Glossy buckthorn 3. Dog-strangling vine 4. Garlic mustard	<i>Weed Control Act is referenced.</i>

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	3. Buckthorn, European 4. Chervil, wild 5. Coltsfoot 6. Crupina, common 7. Cupgrass, woolly 8. Dodder spp. 9. Dog-strangling vine 10. Dog-strangling vine, black 11. Goatgrass, jointed 12. Hogweed, giant 13. Knapweed spp. 14. Kudzu 15. Parsnip, wild 16. Poison-hemlock 17. Poison-ivy 18. Ragweed spp. 19. Ragwort, tansy 20. Sow-thistle spp. 21. Spurge, cypress 22. Spurge, leafy 23. Thistle, bull 24. Thistle, Canada 25. Tussock, serrated				5. Giant hogweed 6. Japanese knotweed 7. Phragmites 8. Poison ivy 9. Purple loosestrife 10. Ragweed	