

Parking Meters and Parking Lots

Parking meters are located along several of the busiest and most frequently sought after on street parking areas in Bracebridge. The parking meters ensure that motorists do not monopolize a parking space for an extended period of time and thereby deprive other motorists from accessing the same parking space. This greatly improves the vehicle turnover rate in these prime on street locations and enables other motorists to locate a convenient short term parking space near an intended destination. Parking meter zones have either a 2 or 3 hour limit. Vehicles parked in excess of this time limit may be ticketed.



Municipal parking lots are provided for motorists seeking a longer term or free parking space within a short distance of an intended destination. Because numerous parking lots are located at various locations throughout the downtown area, a free and long term parking space is normally available within a very short walk of any downtown destination. All of the municipal parking lots have the applicable regulations posted. As with the public roadways, overnight parking is not permitted within any municipal parking lot.

Vehicle Interference

Motor vehicles interfering with snow plowing and removal operations will be immediately towed and impounded at the vehicle owner's expense and risk. If it is your intention to consume alcoholic beverages, please make prior arrangements to have your vehicle left at home and take a taxi-cab or use a designated driver. Under no circumstances should you ever attempt to remove your vehicle from a public roadway or parking lot if you have consumed alcohol. Receiving a bill for having your vehicle impounded is far better than an impaired driving conviction and the potentially disastrous consequences of driving your vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

The information contained in this brochure is by no means a complete list of all of the parking regulations in effect within the Town of Bracebridge.

Contact Information

This informational brochure has been prepared for general information only. For specific information, please refer to the entire Parking Control By-Law at:

www.bracebridge.ca

If you have any questions about the by-law, please contact the By-Law Enforcement Branch at the:

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1000 Taylor Court
Bracebridge, ON
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Parking Regulations In Bracebridge

Important Information For
Residents and Visitors



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General Introduction

The Town of Bracebridge has a number of by-laws in effect that regulate both on and off street parking within the geographic limits of the Town of Bracebridge. These By-laws address Parking Control, Parking Meter Zones, Municipal Parking Lots, Private Property, Fire Routes and Designated Parking for the Disabled.

The objectives of these by-laws are varied, but include ensuring the:

1. Orderly flow of traffic on all municipal roadways.
2. Regular turnover of vehicles parking on the street in the downtown area.
3. Maintenance of unobstructed emergency vehicle access in front of commercial/ industrial/ multiple residential buildings.
4. Parking spaces designated for the physically challenged are provided close to an intended destination and that these spaces are not improperly used.
5. Motor vehicles are not parked on private property without the property owner's consent.
6. Driveways and fire hydrants are not obstructed.
7. Roadways are kept clear for snow plowing and removal operations.

All of these parking by-laws are enforced by the Town's By-Law Enforcement Officers. Enforcement is undertaken on both a proactive (general patrol) and reactive (complaint) basis. Enforcement of the parking by-law is achieved by the issuance of a Parking Infraction Notice (parking ticket). In certain situations, the offending motor vehicle is towed and impounded at the vehicle owner's expense and risk.

In certain situations, signs are posted to advise motorists of the parking regulations in effect for a particular area. Typical signs include no parking, no stopping, fire route, disabled space, time restricted, no overnight parking and private property signs. These signs may be posted in front of or behind the parking space in question or at all vehicular entrances into the Town of Bracebridge if the by-law regulation is in effect for the entire town.

Overnight Parking

Overnight parking is not permitted on any public street within the Town of Bracebridge. Signs are posted at all of the vehicular entrances into the municipality advising motorists that parking on any street is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Although this by-law is in effect throughout the year, enforcement is enhanced during the winter months to facilitate snow plowing and removal operations.

The Town of Bracebridge has a number of municipal parking lots located throughout the downtown area. All of these parking lots offer motorists free public parking. The parking lots offer either free all day or time restricted (2 or 3 hour) parking. Parking is prohibited in all municipal parking lots between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. These parking lots are well signed and motorists should refer to the posted signs for the parking restrictions in effect.



Fire Routes and Disabled Parking

Fire routes are typically located in close proximity to commercial, industrial or multiple residential buildings. Fire routes are well marked with signs at vehicular entrance ways as well as throughout the fire route area. Under no circumstances may a motorist leave a motor vehicle parked and unattended in a fire route area. Any obstruction of a fire route for emergency response vehicles and personnel could have potentially dire consequences and fire routes are therefore patrolled on a regular basis. The minimum fine for parking in a fire route is \$75.00.

Disabled parking spaces are located on most commercial and multiple residential properties and are for the exclusive use of disabled parking permit holders. Disabled parking spaces are designated by way of a sign in front of the space. In many cases, the parking space will have been painted with a wheelchair symbol, but such a symbol is not mandatory. As with fire routes, By-Law Enforcement Officers routinely patrol properties with designated disabled parking spaces to ensure that only valid permit holders are parking in these designated spaces.

Persons wishing to obtain a disabled parking permit should consult with a physician in order to have the disability confirmed and the necessary documentation completed by the physician. The actual permit is issued by the local Ministry of Transportation vehicle licensing office. In Bracebridge, the licensing office is located behind the Provincial Courthouse in the Land Registry Office on Dominion Street. Depending on the nature of the disability, a permit may be issued for a temporary basis or for several years. Once issued, disabled parking permits must be displayed in a prominent location within the vehicle whenever the holder of the permit is in a motor vehicle parked in a designated space. The minimum fine for parking in a disabled parking space without a valid permit or for the improper display of a permit is \$300.00.