

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Blue box/green cart information
(905) 546-2489
www.myhamilton.ca

Information on the noise by-law
Hamilton
(905) 546-2782 (8:30-4:30)
(905) 546-4928 (After hours)
Brantford
(519) 759-4150 (8:30-4:30)
(519) 756-7050 (After Hours)

Police Services
Hamilton
Central Station: (905) 546-4772
Mountain Station: (905) 546-4930
East Station: (905) 546-2929
Brantford
344 Elgin Street: (519) 756-7050

Landlord and Tenant Board
www.LTB.gov.on.ca



For more information concerning Off Campus Housing, you can reach us by:

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Information for Students Living Off Campus in Hamilton



What to Know When you "Fly the Coop"

OFF CAMPUS HOUSING
STUDENT LIFE

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Search our website for listings!

housing.mohawkcollege.ca

What to do when you visit our site:

1. Join our Facebook group! You will receive information as well as meet other students who are living the off campus life. The group is called: *Mohawk College Off Campus Housing*
2. Follow our step-by-step process of finding the listing that best suits YOUR needs

Remember: The less specific you are about the listings, the more results you will receive!
3. Visit our "Roommate Information" site: it will help you find information that you will need to know about living with other students off campus.

BY-LAW 101

What you need to know about Hamilton's By-Laws

- Both the property owner(s) and tenant(s) may be charged if there is a violation of the Noise By-Law.
- Waste containers are to be stored in the back yard of the property or in the garage. Help improve the appearance of your neighbourhood by taking these small measures.
- Bulk collection is provided on a seasonal, call in basis. Call (905) 546-2489 at least one week before your regular waste collection day to arrange for bulk collection. * There is a limit of 4 items per collection.
- The By-Law requires snow and ice to be cleared off the sidewalk in front of your property within 24 hours after the snow fall. If you fail to do so, the city will do the work for you and add the cost to the property taxes. Repeated violations could result in charges up to \$5,000!

TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BY-LAWS, VISIT
www.hamilton.ca/mle

Fire Safety

SMOKING

Be sure to use non-combustible containers (such as coffee tins) for cigarette butts. Be sure that you allow containers to cool before disposing of them. Please observe the guidelines your landlord has set out and kindly ask smokers to take their habit outside.

COOKING

Always keep a watchful eye as you cook and learn how to use a portable fire extinguisher; it could save your life! There are various types of extinguishers, including ones for ordinary combustibles (Class A), oil and grease (Class B), and energized electrical equipment (Class C).

ELECTRICAL

A 15amp over-circuit device— such as a fuse or a circuit breaker—protects electrical circuits. Replacing these with one of larger amperage will overload the circuit and could cause a fire. Always be sure to replace these items properly and safely. Overuse of extension cords can be a fire hazard. Never leave extension cords bundled together on the floor; they may overheat and start a fire.

CANDLES

Candles and incense are popular items among students living off campus. Never leave a candle burning unattended. Be sure that candles and incense are placed on a solid, level surface away from combustible materials such as drapes and curtains. Always be sure to properly extinguish these items before leaving the house or going to bed.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Monthly fire tests are a great way to ensure that your detector is working properly. If the alarm does not sound when tested, inform your landlord IMMEDIATELY.

Smoke detectors should be on EVERY floor of the home, closest to the sleeping area. Although the law does not require it, purchasing a carbon monoxide detector can also be effective in keeping you safe.

Property Management

Do not store unnecessary items on your front porch. Empty food containers and old furniture can lead to an infestation of mice, bugs, and birds.

Grass cutting, hedge trimming, and raking the leaves—ask your landlord who is responsible for these tasks and be

diligent in keeping your property looking neat, clean and presentable at all times.

During the winter months, failure to **remove snow** adequately from walkways and sidewalks could lead to by-law violations and undelivered mail. Talk to your landlord about snow removal and do your part to ensure that no one gets fined or injured.

HAMILTON SNOW ANGELS

Volunteer Hamilton in partnership with the City of Hamilton is offering a volunteer snow removal service for eligible seniors and persons with physical disabilities.

Anyone 14 years of age or older may volunteer for the program. Upon being matched with a registered client, volunteers provide the following service:
→ Clearing the snow from City sidewalks
→ Clearing of snow at driveway entrances left by snow plows
→ Clear a path to the client's front door
For more information, call (905) 523-1910

GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Ensure that garbage goes out no earlier than 7 p.m. the night before, and no later than 7 a.m. the day of collection. This also means ensuring that your recycling bins are adequately separated and accessible to the collection services.

As of March 31, 2008, Hamilton introduced a new **“one-container” limit**. If you need to put out more garbage, it must be in 1 clear plastic bag.

PARKING

Pay close attention to the parking signs on your street. Areas considered illegal for parking are:

- 1) *Parking on a lawn.*
- 2) *Parking for over 12 hours continuously on any street is prohibited.*
- 3) *Having less than 10 inches clearance in a driveway between a parked vehicle and the sidewalk.*
- 4) *You must be 3 meters from a fire hydrant and 9 meters from a crosswalk or intersection.*

PARTIES AND ALCOHOL

Hamilton's noise by-laws are in effect 24 hours a day. Any disturbances can result in a warning, a fine, or even criminal charges.

Avoid over-crowding; guests that are uninvited or that may be causing a disturbance could be potentially dangerous, and may end up damaging your property.

Alcohol related problems that can occur are your responsibility. Take precautions to ensure that those who are drinking have a designated driver or take a taxi home; otherwise, you could face fines, charges, and even jail time.