



TRAFFIC BYLAW 1573

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The Traffic Bylaw regulates vehicle and pedestrian traffic on, adjacent to, and near local streets. The regulations outlined in the Bylaw are in place to maintain traffic flow and uphold public safety. It covers a range of traffic related topics from parking and sidewalk use, as well as parades, heavy vehicle routes and transportation of dangerous goods.

Bylaw 1573, which was adopted in January 2024, includes updates from Whitecourt's previous Traffic Bylaw, and also consolidates regulations pertaining to Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs), road bans and snow removal.

A complete copy of Traffic Bylaw 1573 is available online at www.whitecourt.ca. Below are highlights of the Bylaw that residents and visitors of the community should be aware of.

DANGEROUS GOODS

- Vehicles transporting dangerous goods are required to operate only on the designated Heavy Vehicle Route. A map of the route is available at www.whitecourt.ca.

HEAVY VEHICLES

- Heavy vehicles must adhere to Heavy Vehicle Routes, except for loading or unloading, provided the shortest distance to and from the designated Heavy Vehicle Route is used. A map of Whitecourt's designated Heavy Vehicle Route is available on www.whitecourt.ca.
- The use of engine retarder brakes is prohibited in Whitecourt.

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES

- Operation of OHVs is permitted in Whitecourt between December 1 and March 31 annually between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm daily.
- Operators are permitted to use various streets, alleys and designated trails provided they are the most direct route from where the vehicle is normally stored to the nearest location where OHVs are permitted to operate. All operators should be familiar with the prohibited areas and respect these sites. An updated OHV Map is available on www.whitecourt.ca.

**If you have a bylaw complaint, contact a Peace Officer at 780-778-2273
or by email at peaceofficer@whitecourt.ca.**

In order for a complaint to be investigated, you must be willing to give your name, address, and phone number. This information is kept confidential.

Bylaw tickets can be paid at the Town Administration Office during regular business hours. If you have any questions or concerns regarding a ticket, please contact Municipal Enforcement at 780-778-2273 or peaceofficer@whitecourt.ca.



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PARKING

- Recreational Vehicles/Trailers (RVs) can only be parked on local streets for a maximum of 72 consecutive hours. After that time, RVs must be parked off street or taken outside of Whitecourt for a minimum of 48 hours before it can be parked on a local street again. RVs cannot be parked on a road with slides extended; and cannot be occupied while parked.
- Unregistered and/or inoperable vehicles cannot be parked on a road.
- A vehicle left for more than 72 consecutive hours shall be deemed to be abandoned at that location.

ROAD BANS

- Regulations protect local roads during the spring thaw and unseasonable weather conditions. When bans are in place, the posted axle weight on the majority of weight restricted roads will be lowered to 75%. Roads with an active ban will be signed accordingly.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

- Vehicles cannot be parked on roads signed as a Snow Route or when a Snow Parking Ban has been declared. During the winter, information on snow plowing and removal activities is updated on www.whitecourt.ca and the Whitecourt Facebook page.
- Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall. Sidewalks should normally be cleared of snow and ice for the entire finished width, to the finished surface.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on Whitecourt roads is 50km/hour.
- Motorists must drive 30km/hour in school zones between 8:00am and 4:30pm on days that school is in session.
- Vehicles transporting goods must have the load completely tarped or covered securely so that no portion of the load can spill, drop or fall. Should materials fall out/off the vehicle, motorists are responsible for taking precautions to safeguard traffic and remove materials from the road.

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