

Protecting Calgary's parks and natural areas for everyone – know your property line



Park space is available for all Calgaryans to enjoy. Modifying or building onto the land beyond your property line disrupts the delicate environmental balance in natural areas, creates safety issues and interferes with all citizens' ability to enjoy these spaces. Encroachments onto park space are regulated under **Encroachment Bylaw 9M2020**.

What is an encroachment?

An encroachment is when any kind of structure, landscaping or other improvement extends from a homeowner's property onto City-owned property. An encroachment also includes disrupting the delicate environmental balance in natural areas by significantly mowing behind a property line, constructing fire pits, planting non-native vegetation, placing compost bins and building forts within these natural areas. Bylaw 9M2020 makes it an offense to encroach onto City-owned park land, with homeowners potentially facing fines if encroachment continues.

What does this mean for homeowners?

Please consider how you share the boundary with park space.

- **Do not mow the grass, prune or remove plants pursuant to Bylaw 11M2019.** Doing so can destroy plants important to pollinators and other wildlife species.
- **Do not dig holes, build jumps, forts or shelters.** These can introduce safety issues and disrupt the delicate environmental balance in natural areas.
- **Do not dump dirt, garden or yard waste.** Doing so can introduce invasive plants.
- **Do not cut, trim or remove trees, bushes or other natural elements.** This can disturb natural areas.
- **Do not plant trees or vegetation.** This introduces non-native plants and weeds into our park spaces.

We are committed to working with homeowners to ensure that identified structures, objects or landscaping encroachments are removed and the park space is returned to its original intended use. For more information on encroachment, please visit calgary.ca/encroachmentparks or contact 311.