

# Summary: Noise Offences

There have been a number of recent complaints revolving around noise issues in the community, and, as a result, proposals have been made for this portion of the Community Services Bylaw in order to provide consistency and clarity.

## General noise rules

**When:** between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. on a weekday, and 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. when the following day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

**What:** power mowers; snow clearing devices; power tools or machinery; or carrying on construction activities (hammering, sawing, or labours which cause noise or disturbance in any area designated as a Residential Zone).

Town departments, public utilities, and contractors working for a public utility would be considered exempt.



## Factors to Consider

Peace Officers conducting an investigation are to exercise discretion and consider all factors – including the hours in which the issue is taking place, the time of year, day of the week, demographics, and any other factory necessary in determining what constitutes “unreasonable noise.”

## Example: time of year

For example: what is reasonable on June 21 for a noise curfew when it is sunlight for 21 hours of the day would be considerably different on December 21 when it is -35° and sunlight for 6 hours of the day.