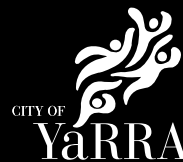


Yarra's new Community Local Law

Information for builders and construction



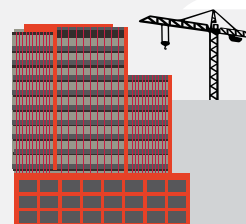
Council has adopted the new Community Local Law which replaced the General Local Law on **1 September 2026**.

The Community Local Law helps Council manage local issues not covered by State or Commonwealth legislation to improve community safety, protect the environment and support a safe and enjoyable municipality for residents, businesses and visitors.



Construction site responsibilities

If you are undertaking building, demolition or construction works in Yarra, you must ensure your site is managed safely and does not impact neighbouring properties, Council assets or public spaces.



Keeping roads and drains clean

- Mud, dirt, sand, soil, stones, concrete, sediment and other building materials must not leave the site boundary.
- Building site runoff and spoil including wash-down water, chemicals and other liquids must not enter roads, footpaths, Council land or stormwater drains.
- Appropriate controls must be implemented to contain spoil, runoff and waste generated by building works.



Managing building waste

- Suitable refuse facilities must be provided and maintained on-site throughout construction.
- Building waste must be contained, managed and lawfully disposed of.
- Building waste must be removed from the site when works are completed.
- Where required, a Building Waste Management Plan must be prepared, approved and complied with for the course of works.



Site amenities and neighbourhood amenity

- A suitable portable toilet must be provided onsite and maintained for construction workers.
- Building works must be managed to minimise dust, noise, odour and other emissions.
- Construction activity must not adversely affect the amenity of surrounding properties.



Building work hours

- Unless otherwise approved by Council, building work must be carried within the hours of:
 - Monday to Friday: 7:00am to 6:00pm.
 - Saturday: 9:00am to 3:00pm.
- Building works are not permitted on Sundays or specified public holidays.



Vehicle access to sites

- Construction vehicles must access sites using an approved temporary or permanent vehicle crossing.
- Driving over nature strips, kerbs or footpaths without an approved crossing is prohibited.
- Works must not commence until any required temporary vehicle crossing has been installed.



Skip Bins

- Skip bins placed on roads, footpaths or Council land require a permit and are not permitted in loading zones, disability parking bays, no-stopping zones or other restricted areas.
- Skip bins must only be delivered and collected during approved hours.
- Skip bins must not create a hazard or obstruction to pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles.
- Council offers an automated permit process, with permits generally issued within 20 minutes.



Loading and Unloading

- Loading and unloading activities must not endanger people or animals.
- Vehicles must be loaded and unloaded in a manner that protects Council assets and public infrastructure.



Asset Protection Requirements

Before commencing building works:

- An Asset Protection Permit is required for works that require a Building Permit. Asset Protection Permits are free for works valued at less than \$10,000.
- Applications may be made by the property owner, builder, demolition contractor or authorised agent.
- Council must be notified in writing at least seven days before works commence.
- Existing damage to adjoining roads, footpaths or Council assets must be reported before works begin.

During and after construction:

- Council may require an Asset Protection Bond where public assets are at risk.
- Council must be notified when works are completed so a final inspection can be undertaken.
- Any damage caused to Council infrastructure must be repaired to Council's satisfaction.



Using Roads, Footpaths and Council Land

Permits may be required for:

- Skip bins.
- Hoarding.
- Scaffolding.
- Site fencing.
- Cranes and construction equipment.
- Storage of construction materials.
- Temporary occupation of roads, footpaths or Council land.

In addition:

- Equipment, materials and other items must not be left on roads, footpaths or Council land without a permit.
- Trailers may only be parked on Council land for one hour unless attached to a registered vehicle with a combined length of less than 7.5M or otherwise authorised.



Protecting Council Assets and Drainage Infrastructure

- Vegetation on private land must not damage or interfere with Council assets or public spaces.
- Council drains, easements and drainage infrastructure must not be damaged, obstructed or connected to without approval.
- Stormwater must be directed to the legal point of discharge.
- Building over Council drainage assets, watercourses or easements may require Council approval.



Common Compliance Issues

The most common causes of enforcement action include:

- Commencing works without an Asset Protection Permit.
- Failing to notify Council before works commence.
- Mud, soil or concrete entering roads or stormwater drains.
- Occupying a footpath or road without a permit.
- Storing materials on Council land without approval.
- Undertaking works outside approved construction hours.
- Failing to provide waste facilities or worker amenities.
- Damaging Council assets.
- Failing to comply with an approved Waste Management Plan.

More information:

Yarra's Community Local Law

yarra.vic.gov.au/communitylocallaw

- New Community Local Law
- Permit requirements
- Your responsibilities during building works
- Simplified compliance guidance, including regarding:
 - Part 4 – Vehicles, Roads and Footpaths
 - Part 6 – Building Works
- Information about permits, enforcement and penalties



Permits and Consents

yarra.vic.gov.au/planning-and-building/building-yarra/building-permits-and-inspections

- Check which permits and consents you need for the build

