



# Encampment Distance Guidelines

July 2024

**Encampments, defined as locations where one or more people live in an unsheltered area in temporary structures, are not to be located:**

**On or within 100m of any:**

**On or within 20m of any:**



Playground



School or  
Licensed  
Daycare



Pool or  
Splash Pad



Highway



Private Property

**On or within 50m of any:**

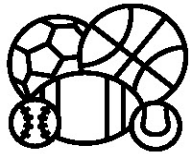
**On or within 10m of any:**



Lake, Beach,  
or Pond



Boat Launch



Multi-Use Courts,  
Sports Field, or  
Golf Course



Public Transit  
Stop



Formal  
Heritage Property  
Designation

**On or within 5m of any:**



Off-Leash Dog Area



Community Garden



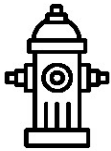
Entrance, Exit,  
or Doorway



Sidewalk or Trail



Bridge or  
Parking Lot



Fire Route or  
Blocking Fire Hydrant



Cemetery



Accessibility Entrance  
or Ramp



Railway



River

**Within:**

**To be assessed on a site-by-site basis:**



EP Zone



No more than 5 tents per cluster, with 10m of separation, up to a max of 5 clusters per site. All structures should aim to be freestanding.

### ***Distance Guidelines***

An encampment, defined as locations where one or more people live in an unsheltered area in temporary structures, are not to be located:

- On or within 100 metres of a school, or licensed children daycare centre.
- On or within 100 metres of a playground, pool, or splash pad.
- On or within 50 metres of any lake, beach, pond, or boat launch.
- On or within 50 metres of any actively programmed park, active sports field, inclusive of but not limited to, skateboard parks, fitness amenities, hockey rinks/arenas, golf courses, ball diamonds, soccer pitches, tennis courts, or any other sports or multi-use courts, as well as stadiums, dugouts, stages, and bleachers.
- On or within 20 metres of a highway.
- On or within 20 metres of any private property line (includes private residential and private non-residential).
- On or within 10 metres of any public transit stop or any formally designated heritage properties.
- On or within 5 metres of any trail, sidewalk, or parking lot or on or under any bridge, including pedestrian access points to such areas and structures.
- On or within 5 meters of any cemetery, including its roads, lanes and paths for travel within the cemetery.
- On or within 5 metres of any off-leash dog area.
- On or within 5 metres of any community garden and including any garden shed or greenhouse.
- On or within 5 metres of any designated fire route, or the entrance to or exit from a designated fire route or located so as not to block any fire hydrant.
- On or within 5 metres of any accessibility entrance or ramp or located in a way that blocks access to such entrances or ramps.
- On or within 5 metres any entrance, exit or a doorway to a building or structure, and including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, an area adjacent to such entrances or exits required in the event of fire or emergency.
- Within 5 metres of any railway tracks.
- Within 5 metres of rivers.

- Within the Environmental Protection Zone or any area identified as susceptible to flooding, erosion, slope instability, or other environmental hazards that presents a risk to health and safety.
- It is recommended that there be no more than five tents/temporary structures per cluster, with 10m of separation between each cluster, and a maximum of up to 25 tents or 30 individuals at any one location, to be assessed on a site-by-site basis.
- It is recommended that encampments or structures are not to be placed against, under, or be attached or tied to any building, structure, or tree. All temporary shelters or tents should strive to be freestanding. Assessments on impacts to City-owned infrastructure will take place on a site-by-site basis.