

# Ask Us your parking question

## What is an RV?

A Recreational Vehicle (RV) is any vehicle or trailer either temporarily or permanently designed for and equipped with dwelling and sleeping provisions.

It does not include a vehicle that was originally manufactured as a passenger car.

### PARKING YOUR RV

The Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) enforces all non-moving violations of RVs and other vehicles on public streets in the City of Calgary. If you are an RV owner and wish to avoid parking fines, consider the needs of your neighbours and the information in this brochure.



CALGARY PARKING AUTHORITY



#### **Q: Can I park my RV on city streets and alleys?**

**A:** Yes, but only on a city street or alley immediately adjoining your home and for a maximum of 36 hours. The 36-hour time limit is provided for owners to prepare vehicles for use or to clean and prepare them for storage after use. Remember to heed special rules for alley parking.

**Note:** *Unattached trailers or campers cannot be parked on city streets or alleys. To park a trailer or camper on a city street or alley, it must be attached to a towing vehicle.*

#### **Q: Can tourists or visitors to Calgary park their RV on public streets?**

**A:** RVs registered outside of Calgary are subject to the same traffic and parking regulations as those registered in Calgary.

#### **Q: I am renting an RV from a rental company, and therefore, the owner's address is different from mine. Can I still make use of the 36-hour provision?**

**A:** If a member of the public complains about a rented RV parked on a public street or alley but the parking enforcement officer identifies it as being owned by a rental company, a 36-hour notice will be issued. After 36 hours, if the RV is not removed a parking tag may be issued.

#### **Q: Why did I get a fluorescent orange NOTICE sticker on my RV?**

**A:** This notice is a reminder that you must move your RV within 36 hours. If you receive an orange notice on your RV, call 403-537-7100 for a full explanation.

#### **Q: Can I park my RV in front of my neighbour's home?**

**A:** It is an offence to park in front of your neighbour's home, even momentarily. Should your neighbour complain about your RV parked in front of his/her home, a parking enforcement officer (Peace Officer) will be dispatched to the area and will normally issue a parking tag. If the RV obstructs access to private property, the vehicle may be impounded and held at the Municipal Impound Lot until towing and storage charges are paid.

Towing RVs is a very expensive and inconvenient procedure. This action is taken only in extreme cases where access or public safety is compromised. Please park responsibly to avoid this cost.



## Who to Call

Calgary Parking Authority  
Parking Enforcement Division  
Phone: 403-537-7100

- RV parking on public streets and alleys.

**Municipal Impound Lot**  
400 – 39th Avenue SE  
Phone: 403-537-7111

**City of Calgary Land Use and Mobility**  
Phone: 3-1-1

- RVs stored on front driveways

**Bylaw Enforcement Utilities  
and Environmental Protection**  
Phone: 3-1-1

- RV cords and hoses that cross over sidewalks

This information is consolidated for your convenience. For further clarification, please consult the Calgary Traffic Bylaws.

*Created under City bylaw in 1968, the Calgary Parking Authority encourages compliance with parking regulations through public education and information.*



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### **Q: Can I store my RV on public streets and alleys?**

**A:** City streets and alleys cannot accommodate the long-term storage of RVs. Street space in residential and other areas is needed for passenger vehicles and visitor parking. In addition, the size of most RVs can cause safety problems as they restrict the view of signs, pedestrians and other vehicles. Area residents may complain when streets are congested with long-term RV storage. We encourage you to avoid long-term storage on city streets, which normally results in notices, parking tags, and even impoundment, when necessary.

#### **1** RVs can be parked on:

- City streets and alleys immediately adjoining to your home, for up to 36 hours.

#### **2** Trailers or campers cannot be parked on city streets or alleys unless they are attached to a towing vehicle.

#### **3** Keep in mind special rules for alley parking, including

- Do not park across from, in front of, or within 1.5 metres of a driveway or garage.
- To prevent the obstruction of the movement of other vehicles in the alley, at least 3 meters of the width of the roadway or the alley must be kept free and clear.

#### **4** Keep your vehicle registration (including license plate and insurance) current.

### **Q: Where can I store my RV for long periods of time?**

**A:** Options for this include RV storage parks (see the RV Parking listing in the Yellow Pages) or in your own backyard.

## Legislation

*The following sections of the Calgary Traffic Bylaw (26M96) affect RV parking:*

### **Detached Trailers and Campers on City Streets and Alleys Section 16(1) 16(2)**

- Detached trailers and campers cannot be parked on city streets or alleys.
- This ensures road safety for other motorists and pedestrians.

### **Overtime Parking Section 17(1)**

- RVs can be parked only on a street immediately adjoining the owner or operator's residence for a maximum of 36 hours.

### **Section 17(2)**

- Vehicles parked for longer than 36 hours may be tagged.

### **Section 17(3)**

- When the 36-hour provision is up, an RV must be off-street for at least 48 consecutive hours before it can be parked in the same location again.
- This helps prevent congestion and allows sufficient time for loading and unloading as well as preparing RVs for storage.

### **Hazardous Parking Section 17(4)**

- Hazardously parked RVs are tagged and impounded, if necessary.
- RVs are parked in a hazardous manner if they block the view of intersections, crosswalks, playgrounds and signs.



# RV

## PARKING POINTERS

For owners of Recreational Vehicles

