

Adequate Heat By-Law

It is extremely hot outside and the heat is on in my rental accommodation. What can I do?

Please speak directly with your landlord. The Adequate Heat By-law will not be enforced during periods of extreme heat. The City does not require your landlord to turn off air conditioning. Invite your landlord to call 905.458.3424 or 311 for further information.

It is extremely cold outside and my rental accommodation is below 20 degrees. What can I do?

Call 905.458. 3424 or 311 to report the situation to an Enforcement Officer. Under the Adequate Heat By-Law, landlords are required to provide adequate and suitable heat in rental accommodations between September 15 and June 1 to a minimum of 20 degrees Celsius.

What is the adequate heat By-law?

The Adequate Heat By-law 240-92 requires, among other vital services, adequate and suitable heat to be provided by a landlord in rental accommodations in the (typically) cooler months between September 15 and June 1 to a minimum of 20 degrees Celsius.

When was the bylaw established?

The By-law was enacted in 1992 and reviewed on November 14, 2013. It was amended on September 22, 2017 to delegate the Commissioner of Corporate Services the authority to direct that section 2 (a) of the By-law not be enforced for periods as specified by the Commissioner. Council also directed staff to further review and bring forward a revised by-law for consideration by Council by April 2018 to make sure the City has a sustainable, long-term solution.

Why was the By-law established?

The By-law was enacted as directed by the Municipal Act. The purpose of the Adequate Heat By-law is to stipulate a basis for tenants to provide adequate warmth during (typically) cooler months.

Under the Adequate Heat By-law, what is the date that buildings in Brampton are required to turn off air conditioning?

There is no requirement of landlords to turn off air conditioning by a certain date. The purpose of the Adequate Heat By-law is to stipulate a basis for tenants to provide adequate warmth during cooler months, not to dictate that heat must be used even if the weather is unseasonably warm.

Does the bylaw cover commercial buildings too?

The By-law draws authority from the Municipal Act and only applies to residential rental accommodations.

What other ways does the City help residents stay cool during heat waves?

All recreation centres and library branches are available during normal hours of operation as heat relief locations.

All heat relief locations have air conditioning, drinking water available at taps and fountains, and relaxed loitering rules to allow residents the opportunity to get cool.

When weather is forecasted to be unseasonably high in September, spray pad operations get extended past the normal Labour Day seasonal closure. Residents are encouraged to refer to the City's website for drop-in swim schedules.