

Essential Businesses & Services

The Government of Ontario has mandated certain services as essential, including “maintenance, repair and property management services that are necessary to manage and maintain safety, security, sanitation and essential operation of institutional, commercial, industrial and residential properties and buildings.”

Workers and business owners are responsible for complying with the advice and recommendations of public health officials, including instructions on physical distancing, cleaning and disinfecting. Homeowners who have the skill and ability to perform any of this work on their property can do so as long as they practise physical distancing; don't hire a contractor, or seek help from a friend or neighbour, and have all the necessary permits.

Below are some guidelines of work that is and isn't allowed. Please note these are just guidelines, if you have questions about a specific case that doesn't fit within these parameters, email bylawenforcement@clarington.net. This may change as provincial emergency orders are updated.



Tree Services

Allowed: Removal of hazard trees, limbs, and decayed and rotted trees.

Not Allowed: Pruning.



General Contracting

Allowed: Pool enclosure repair, fence repair (only for the security of property), roofing (shingle replacement), structural repair (to address safety concerns) and debris and garbage removal. Window installation for security or damaged windows. Renovations to provide accessible access. Any repair of a hazardous/dangerous situation.

Not Allowed: Decks, renovations (applies to permits issued after April 4), window installation (if only for upgrading) and flooring installations.



Lawn Care

Allowed: Trimming and mowing lawns (case specific), pruning sight lines and tall grass overhanging sidewalks.

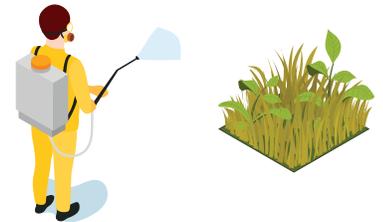
Not Allowed: Fertilizing, aeration, planting and gardening.



Landscaping

Allowed: Erosion repair, drainage and repair of collapsed retaining walls.

Not Allowed: Patios, gardening and tree planting.



Weed Control

Allowed: Control of Provincially designated noxious weeds (giant hogweed, poison ivy etc.).

Not Allowed: Residential lawn maintenance.



Pest Services

Allowed: Control and elimination of pests to prevent deterioration of property or to maintain sanitation.



Swimming Pool Maintenance

Allowed: Pool opening and maintenance services to ensure stagnant water/ West Nile issues are not created.

Not Allowed: Pool installation.

Driveway Contractors

Not Allowed: Driveway sealing or paving, installing new driveways.