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London City By-Laws and Provincial Regulations

The City of London has various bylaws that may be unfamiliar to students in the Fanshawe community. London has a 24/7 noise bylaw, meaning that you can receive fines for excessive noise at any time of day. This fine starts at \$200 and can be escalated up to \$5,000 for each tenant. Ouch! Enhanced enforcement is also in effect on Friday and Saturday nights.

Please remember that provincial guidelines state that gatherings must be restricted to 50 people inside, and 100 outside – this is only allowed if social distancing measures are met. If tenants receive a complaint, fines can start at \$800 per person for gathering violations.

Waste collection operates on an eight-day rotating schedule, meaning the day for pickup changes every week. A maximum of three garbage containers are permitted; recycling must be sorted into containers and paper. Garbage bins cannot be put out before 6 p.m. the night before and not later than 7 a.m. the day of collection. Pro Tip: Download the RecycleCoach app!

Keep your property looking nice! Indoor furniture cannot stay outdoors, and grass must not exceed eight inches. Ensure to clear litter promptly.

Alcohol consumption is prohibited outside of residential and licensed areas – this includes public roads! The sale of alcohol without a permit is illegal – whether direct or disguised with the sale of another item (e.g. a cup). Remember, occupants can be liable for the actions of their intoxicated guests, even if guests consumed their own alcohol.

Candle Safety

As we welcome temperature drops that signal the inevitable arrival of the long-awaited autumn season, it is finally time to greet your extensive candle collection again. Many students may incorporate candles into their lifestyles for a multitude of reasons, but the reality is that the improper use of candles can rack up tens of thousands of dollars from fire damages. Here are a few things to keep in mind before putting a flame to the wick:

- Trim the wick down to 5mm before lighting
- Make sure the candle is placed away from any drafts, vents, fans
- Do not leave it burning if you are leaving the house, room, or going to sleep
- Keep candles away from materials that can catch fire like curtains or bedsheets
- Read the manufacturer's instructions

As unromantic as candle-awareness may seem, internalizing these habits may just save your life - or at the very least, massive damage costs.

Home Safety First, Avoid the Worst!

As students move back to London, small things often slip our minds when it comes to home safety. Keeping your house/apartment safe always starts with the basic tip of locking your doors. Always make sure on your way out that all doors are properly closed and locked (especially if your roommates are still sleeping when you leave).

It's also important to lock your windows so you don't provide easy access to intruders. In the case of basement and ground-floor windows, consider placing a wood piece on your windowsill so others cannot slide open the window from the outside and enter. To further deter the possibility of having your place broken into, consider removing any Fanshawe-related decor from outside, as this indicates student housing.

COVID-19 Assessment Centres

If you feel you may be experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you please visit one of London's local test centres, get tested and then immediately self-isolate while you wait for the results.

Carling Heights Optimist Community Centre

656 Elizabeth St, London

Monday - Sunday

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Oakridge Arena

825 Valetta St., London

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Reporting a COVID-19 Order Violation

If you have concerns about COVID-19 order violations in the City of London, please email the City at COVIDOrderConcerns@london.ca (email monitored 24/7) or call 519-661-4660 (phone line monitored Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

If you have questions about COVID-19, please contact the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

COVID-19 Hot Line: 519-663-5317 and press "1"

(Monday to Sunday from 8:30AM to 7:00PM)

Email: covid@mlhu.on.ca

4 Tips for Moving Into London

By City of London

Whether it's your first time in London or your fourth move-in, the City of London extends a warm welcome back to the thousands of Fanshawe College students who will call London home for the next year. Here are four tips to help you settle into life in London, because when you're here, you're home.

Tip # 1 - Be in the loop

Stay informed about City initiatives, news and upcoming events by following the City of London Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/LondonCanada/>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/CityofLdnOnt>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/cityoflondonont>) accounts. Our website www.london.ca is a great tool to learn about services and programs, whether you're looking for the latest COVID-19 updates (<http://www.london.ca/newsroom/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>), for information about your water bill (<http://www.london.ca/residents/Water/water->

[bill/Pages/default.aspx](#)) or for our interactive CityMaps ([http://www.london.ca/maps/Pages/default.aspx](#)) to find local paths and trails in your area.

Tip # 2 - Plan your daily commute to campus

Whether you're bussing, walking or driving to school, always plan ahead so you never miss that 8:30 a.m. lecture. If you're driving to campus, download the Waze navigation app to avoid road closures and get real-time traffic updates. If you're bussing to campus, visit realtime.londontransit.ca or use Google Maps for specific route information to track your bus and any delays.

Tip # 3 - Know your garbage day

Living off-campus this year? Familiarize yourself with your garbage zone and collection dates ([http://www.london.ca/residents/Garbage-Recycling/Garbage/Pages/Garbage-Calendar-and-Zone-Maps.aspx](#)) for garbage and recycling. Download the Recycle Coach app to customize your recycling schedule, sign up for reminders and learn what items go where for curbside recycling.

Tip # 4 - Where should I park my car?

Have a car and need to park on the street, overnight? Between November 1 and April 30, the City enforces an Overnight Parking Restriction ([http://www.london.ca/residents/Parking/Parking-Rules/Pages/Overnight-Parking.aspx](#)) which requires residents and visitors to register their vehicles for an overnight parking pass. For streets where overnight parking is permitted, a maximum of 15 free passes may be issued per vehicle license plate and can be obtained online through the City's website or by phone at 519-661-4537.

Please don't park in prohibited or restricted locations, including in front of fire hydrants, on boulevards, front lawns or streets identified by signs as being enforced.

Fanshawe College Housing Mediation Service-Counselling and Accessibility Services

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OR

Monday to Friday: 519-661-3787