# Reading: RMWB Bylaws

CLB 5/6 Reading Assessment (RMWB Bylaws) Name:
Comprehending Information Date:

Instructions: Read the article below and answer the questions. Short answers are okay as long as the meanings are clear. Please use full sentences to answer opinion questions.

Passing Mark is 70%.
That means 7/10 for LINC 5; 10.5/15 for LINC 6.
Your score: _____; Passed?: _____

## Garbage & Recycling [Solid Waste Bylaw No. 07/043]

Home owners are responsible for the proper disposal of household garbage and recycling. Each house has three bins: black for waste, light blue for paper and cardboard, and dark blue for plastic and metal. Some items are not permitted to put in these bins, including hazardous household waste (e.g. all purpose cleaners, hair spray, paints, shoe polish), electronic waste (e.g. cell phones, CD players, curling irons, microwaves), hot ashes, animal waste, and sharp objects (e.g. needles and syringes).

Bins must be presented curbside by 7:30 a.m. and are not permitted to weigh more than 61 kilograms (135 pounds) with the lids closed on collection day. Garbage and recycling placed outside or on top of bins will not be taken. In the case of a raven or other animal getting into your garbage, it only takes a few minutes to be a good neighbor and clean up the mess.

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## Nuisance [Nuisance Property Bylaw No. 00/078]

"Nuisance" means any activity upon any property that is offensive to any person, or may have a detrimental impact upon any person or other property in the neighbourhood.

• The failure to dispose of discarded or dilapidated furniture or household appliances, scrap metals, scrap lumber, tires, and motor vehicle parts
• The failure to dispose of any rubbish or garbage accumulated upon any property
• Failure to control any offensive odour
• Failure to remove any animal waste

## Sidewalk Snow & Ice Clearing [Roads & Transportation Bylaw No. 02/079]

Residents are responsible for removing snow or ice on sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours after a snowfall. The windrow created during municipal winter maintenance is also the responsibility of the occupant to remove.

## Vehicle Storage [Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 & Nuisance Property Bylaw No. 00/078]

A motor vehicle shall not be parked in a front or side yard except on an approved driveway; property owners/occupants are not permitted to store or accumulate broken-down vehicles or motor vehicle parts on their property.

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**[LINC 6 Only]**
**Fat, Oil, and Grease [Drainage Sanitary Sewer Utilities Bylaw No. 85/51]**

While it may seem harmless, pouring fat, oil and grease (FOG) down the drain, including toilets, can cause expensive problems down the line for residents, business owners and the municipality. It builds up over time and creates blockages in residential pipes and municipal sewer systems. These blockages can result in backups, costly repairs, and even property damage. It's not just one home that could be affected; your neighbours could be affected too as FOG makes its way further down your drain and into the municipal sewer system.

There are a number of things that can be done to reduce the impacts of FOG. For example, you can pour oil and grease into an empty can or jar and allow it to cool in the container before throwing away; wipe off excess grease with paper towel before washing; mix grease with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds in a container before throwing it in the trash.

**[LINC 6 Only]**
**Noise [Noise Bylaw No. 83/24]**

The noise bylaw of our Municipality covers loud, unnecessary or unusual noise that annoys, disturbs, injures, endangers, or detracts from the comfort, health, peace, or safety of other persons. This includes that motor vehicles only emit the reasonably necessary noise for operation.

Certain noise restrictions are also imposed to address appropriate noise levels during the nighttime. The operation of devices powered by an engine (lawnmower, snow blower, etc.) may only occur between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Sundays and statutory holidays.

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Questions:

1. In garbage and recycling, what are the three bins for?
   Black bin:
   Light blue bin:
   Dark blue bin:

2. [2 points] There are things not permitted in garbage/recycling bins. Please list 2 categories from the text.
   1)
   2)

3. [2 points] In your opinion, why must the garbage bin lids be closed and anything placed outside or on top of bins will not be taken?

4. In the following sentence, what does "a detrimental impact" mean?
   " 'Nuisance' means any activity … may have a **detrimental impact** upon any person or other property in the neighbourhood."

5. When are residents responsible for removing snow on their sidewalks?

6. Where should house owners park a motor vehicle?

7. [2 points] Choose one of the bylaws. Do you agree with the bylaw? Why or why now? Write 2-3 sentences to explain yourself.

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8. **[LINC 6 Only]** What problems can FOG result in?

9. **[LINC 6 Only]** What is a good way to reduce the impact of FOG? Give 1 example.

10. **[LINC 6 Only]** Give an example of noise restriction according to the Noise Bylaws.

11. **[LINC 6 Only]** [2 points] In your opinion, which bylaw from the article is enforced (or not enforced) properly in Fort McMurray? Relate to information from text, describe in details. Be sure to include which bylaw, your reasons, and examples/ experience. Write 3-4 sentences.

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