

NOISE CONTROL BYLAW 6555

Information Notice for Residential and Commercial Mechanical Equipment

[Mechanical Equipment Noise?](#)

This category is focused on all interior and exterior mechanical equipment such as exhaust fans, air conditioning units, heat pumps, h-vacs and other similar equipment.

[Meeting installation regulations?](#)

Besides noise regulations, the [Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575](#) regulates the location of exterior mechanical equipment and a Development Permit may be required. A Building and Electrical Permit may also be required. For further information, please contact Development Services at 604.873.7613/7611 or email: csg.enquiry.centre@vancouver.ca

[What are the allowed sound levels for mechanical equipment”?](#)

The following table list the maximum sound levels in decibels, allowable in the day time and night time.

Daytime Hours Weekdays & Saturday (7 am - 10 pm) Sunday or <u>Holiday</u> (10 am - 10 pm)			
Zone of Sound Source	Zone of Receiving Property - <u>Point of Reception</u>		
	Quiet	Intermediate	Active
Quiet	55	60	60
Intermediate	60	70	70
Active	60	70	70
Night time Hours Weekdays & Saturday (10 pm - 7 am) Sunday or <u>Holiday</u> (10 pm - 10 am)			
Zone of Sound Source	Zone of Receiving Property - <u>Point of Reception</u>		
	Quiet	Intermediate	Active
Quiet	45	55	55
Intermediate	50	65	65
Active	55	65	65

What will happen if you don't comply with the By-law?

City staff will investigate all complaints. If there is a contravention of the by-law, enforcement action will be initiated. This could result in fines, and prosecution.

Questions?

Contact the noise line @ 3-1-1

or e-mail to: noise@vancouver.ca