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Ottawa, Canada	Bass noise, unusual noise, or likely to disturb	✗	10pm-1am Monday-Saturday, 9am Sundays and stat. holidays. Separate times for infill housing construction.	Unnecessary motor vehicle noise, idling >5 minutes, exhaust without muffler	9pm-7am, 9am on weekends and holidays	✗	✗	✗
Mississauga, Canada	Clearly audible	✗	Quiet zone: 5pm-7am, all day Sundays and stat. holidays. Other zones: 7pm-7am, all day Sundays and stat. holidays.	Clearly audible at point of reception	11pm-7am, 9am Sundays	✗	✗	✗
Brampton, Canada	Likely to disturb	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Hamilton, Canada	Unreasonable	✗	10pm-7am	Clearly audible at a point of reception; time constraints	✗	✗	✗	✗
Montreal, Canada	Excessive noise	✗	✗	Excessive noise	✗	✗	✗	✗
Westmount (Montreal), Canada	Excessive noise	✗	Between June 25 and September 15: 6pm-7am, 8am Saturdays, all day Sundays and stat. holidays.	Excessive noise; exhaust without a muffler	✗	✗	Partial ban. Permitted April 1-May 1, Oct 1-Dec 1, Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm. 65 dB(A) Equipment used must meet specified standards.	✗
Calgary, Canada	Would disturb or annoy a reasonable person	✗	10pm-7am, 9am Sundays and holidays.	Time constraints; truck idling for >20min in or within 150m of	10pm-7am, 9am Sundays and holidays	✗	✗	✗

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				residential development; 96 dB(A) or more at any point of reception				
Edmonton, Canada	Disturbs the peace	✗	9pm-7am Monday-Saturday, 7pm-9pm Sundays and holidays.	Motor vehicles that cause any sound contravening a provision of the noise bylaw. Motorcycles 92 dB(A) at idle, 96 dB(A) at any speed greater than idle.	✗	✗	✗	✗
Winnipeg, Canada	Unreasonably loud, unnecessary or excessive; unreasonably disturbs; harsh, prolonged, unnatural or unusual	✗	✗	Distance and time constraints	Residential: 9pm-7am weekdays, 9pm-9am weekends and stat. holidays	✗	Allowed, with stricter time constraints: weekdays 8am-6pm; Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday prohibited	✗
Vancouver, Canada	Disturb unreasonably	✗	8pm-7:30am, 10am Saturdays, all day Sundays and stat. holidays.	✗	✗	✓	Allowed: weekdays 8am-6pm; Saturdays 9am-5pm; Sundays prohibited	✗
New York City, USA	Unreasonable noise	✗	6pm-7am weekdays, 4pm-10am weekends	Clearly audible at a distance of 150ft or more from the source	Weekdays: 7pm or sunset-8am; Weekend: 6pm-9am	75 dB(A) at 300ft	✗	Required for each construction site.
Chicago, USA	Louder than average conversational level at a distance of 100 feet or more	✗	8pm-8am	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Austin, USA	Various criteria (decibel limits and time constraints) only applies to businesses	✗	7pm-6am	Audible or causes vibration at a residence; sound equipment in a vehicle audible or	✗	✗	✗	✗

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				causing vibration 30ft from source.				
Sydney Australia	✗ (Noise regulation is predominantly set at the state level, under environmental legislation).	✗	In the city centre work must be carried out between 7am and 7pm on weekdays and 7am and 5pm on Saturdays. Construction in all other parts of the local area must take place between 7.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 7.30am to 3.30pm on Saturday. In certain instances, these hours may be modified where the contractor has consulted the City.	Quantitative: "if the vehicle is capable of emitting noise at a level that exceeds the prescribed noise level for that type of motor vehicle." Noise levels are set by the State, under the Environmental Protection Act.	8pm to 7am Monday to Saturday. 8pm to 8am Sundays and public holidays.	✗	✗	Developers must hire a qualified acoustic consultant to state how they will comply with noise restrictions as part of the development application process.
London, UK	Noise regulation is predominantly set at the state level, under environmental legislation. Therefore noise must be a "statutory nuisance." The City of London states that: "The City is a noisy place and not all noise will be a nuisance. The law	✗	8am - 6pm (Monday to Friday); 9am - 2pm (Saturday); No working is permitted on Sundays, bank holidays or other national holidays.	✗	✗	✗	✗	Councils can give consent for the work by requesting details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The works; • How the work will be

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	does not give an absolute right to peace and quiet. For a noise to be a statutory nuisance it must have a material harmful impact on the normal, reasonable use of premises. It is not enough that the noise merely irritates someone or if the noise is harming an unusually sensitive activity or individual.							<p>carried out; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What steps will be taken to minimise noise resulting from the works.
Caledon, Canada <i>(scanned for motor vehicle noise only)</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	For motorcycles: 92 dB(A) at idle, other limits for engines at 2,000 and 5,000 RPM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oakville, Canada <i>(scanned for motor vehicle noise only)</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	For motorcycles: 92 dB(A) at idle, other limits for engines at 2,000 and 5,000 RPM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a