

Minimum Separation Distances

(must be indicated on your site plan)

Utility or Infrastructure Element (measured from edge of element / utility)	Required Clearance	
	Temporary Fixed Elements	Temporary Portable Elements
Hydro Infrastructure		
Cable Chamber*	2.0 metres	0.3 metres
Hydro Vault*	1.0 metres	1.0 metres
Transformer/Switchgear*	3.0 metres	3.0 metres
Distribution Pole	0.6 metres	0.3 metres
Street Lighting Pole^	0.6 metres	0.3 metres
Guy wire/anchor	0.6 metres	0.3 metres
BIA lighting access hatch^	0.3 metres	0.3 metres
Traffic Infrastructure		
Traffic signal pole	0.3 metres for local street or 1.0 metres	0.3 metres
Traffic control box	1.5 metres from front, sides 0.6 metres	0.3 metres
Traffic or parking sign pole	0.3 metres	0.3 metres
Fire Services and Water Infrastructure		
Fire Hydrant*	1.2 metres	1.2 metres
Fire Standpipe Connection*	1.2 metres	1.2 metres
Water Valve (post indicator/isolation)	0.6 metres	0.3 metres
Catch basin^^	0.6 metres	0.3 metres
Storm/Sanitary maintenance access covers	0.6 metres	0.3 metres
Gas Infrastructure		
Gas valve (and other assets)	0.6 metres	0.3 metres
Telecom Infrastructure		
In-ground access covers	0.6 metres	0.3 metres
Public Realm Infrastructure		
Street Furniture (bench, litter bin, newspaper corral, postering column)*	1.0 metres	1.0 metres
Transit shelter: with advertising^^	5.0 metres	5.0 metres
Transit shelter: without advertising^^	2.5 metres	2.5 metres
Transit stop poles^^	2.5 metres	2.5 metres
Wayfinding columns*	3.0 metres	3.0 metres
Wayfinding sign poles*	1.0 metres	1.0 metres
Bicycle locking ring**	2.5 metres	2.5 metres
Bike Share station^^	1.0 metres	1.0 metres
Toronto Parking Authority ticket kiosk*	1.0 metres	1.0 metres

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Trees and Horticulture		
Street tree* and***	1.0 metres	0.3 metres
Above and in-ground planters***	1.0 metres	0.3 metres
Pedestrian Safety		
Intersection or Pedestrian Crossover****	3.0 metres	3.0 metres

Street furniture or utility listed without an asterisk (*) may be located within proposed permit area if approved by the City

^ or other clearance as determined by the local BIA for BIA owned lighting infrastructure

^^ must be measured as a minimum linear distance along the curb edge; and for transit stops/shelters must have a minimum 2.4m width for the transit platform area

* must be measured as a minimum radius width from the street element or utility

** clearance may be less if approved by the City in consideration of the streetscape context and bike parking facilities in the immediate area

*** café elements must not be placed on open soil or soft surfaces adjacent to street trees, nor be fixed to the tree pit surface

**** intersections and pedestrian crossovers require adequate space for people of all ages and abilities waiting to cross the street and for safety and visibility. Additional separation distances are required for curbside and curb lane cafés for visibility and road safety