

Figure 1

Comparison of Municipalities – Minimum Landscaping requirements in Front Yard – Residential Zones

Municipality	Minimum landscaping requirements in front yard
Aurora	No requirements for landscaping.
Whitchurch-Stouffville	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If lot is less than 11.0 meters, a minimum of 20% of the front yard to be landscaped. 2. If lot is greater than 11.0 meters, a minimum of 35% of the front yard to be landscaped.
Newmarket	Driveways have a maximum width. The remainder of the front yard must be maintained as a landscaping area'
East Gwillimbury	No requirements for landscaping.
Georgina	No requirements for landscaping.
Markham	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For lots less than 10.1 meters, 25% of the front yard to be landscaped. 2. For lots greater than 10.1 meters, 40% of the front yard to be landscaped.
Vaughan	60% of the required front yard to be landscaped.

Figure 2

Comparison of Municipalities on Rear Yard Encroachments for Decks

Municipality	Encroachment of Deck in Rear Yard
Aurora	For decks 3.2 meters or less, the deck may encroach a maximum of 3.7 meters into the required rear yard but in no case shall be closer than 3.7 meters from rear lot line
Whitchurch-Stouffville	A deck and associated stairs shall be set back at least 3 meters from the rear lot line.
Newmarket	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decks 0 meters to 0.6 meters in height must be at least 1.2 meters from the rear lot line. 2. Decks 0.6 meters to 3.0 meters in height may encroach into the required rear yard 3.6 meters but shall not be less than 2.4 meters from the rear lot line. 3. Decks over 3.0 meters in height must meet the minimum rear yard setback in the Zoning category
East Gwillimbury	Decks having a floor height of 3.0 meters or less shall be no closer than 3.0 meters from the rear lot line
Georgina	3.0 meters maximum encroachment into required rear yard regardless of height of deck
Markham	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decks that have a height between 0.6 meters and 1.0 meters shall be located no closer than 3.0 meters from rear lot line. 2. Decks that have a height greater than 1.0 meters are permitted to extend a maximum of 3.0 meters from the rear wall but shall be no closer than 3.0 meters from the rear lot line
Vaughan	Decks in rear yards may encroach a maximum of 2.4 meters into rear yard regardless of height

Figure 3

Current Section 4.20 – Yard Encroachments Permitted

Structure or Feature	Applicable Yard	Maximum Encroachment into a Minimum Yard
Sills, belt courses, cornices, gutters, chimneys, pilasters, eaves, parapets or canopies	Any yard	0.7 m
Window Bays, with or without foundation up to 3 m in width	Front, Rear and Exterior Side Yards	1 m
	Interior Side Yards	0.33 m
Open porches, uncovered terraces and decks (3.2 m in height or less)	Front & Exterior Side Yards	2.5 m In no case shall be 4.5 m from the Front Lot Line, 3 m from the Exterior Side Yard
	Rear Yards	3.7 m; In no case shall be 3.8 m from the Rear Lot Line
Balconies	Front and Exterior Side Yards for all residential buildings	2 m
	Rear Yards for all residential buildings	2.5 m
Steps, Landings	All yards	2 m In no case shall be closer than 4.5 m from the Front Lot Line and 2.1 m from the Exterior Side Lot Line In no case shall be closer than 0.3 m from the Interior Side Lot Line
Drop awnings, clothes lines, poles, flag poles, garden trellises, ornamental light poles, retaining walls or fences	All yards	Nil

Figure 4

Proposed Section 4.20 – Yard Encroachments Permitted

Structure or Feature	Applicable Yard	Maximum Encroachment into a Minimum Yard
Sills, belt courses, cornices, gutters, chimneys, pilasters, eaves, parapets or canopies	Any yard	0.7 m
Window Bays, with or without foundation up to 3 m in width	Front, Rear and Exterior Side Yards	1 m
	Interior Side Yards	0.33 m
Open porches, uncovered terraces and decks (1.8 m in height or less)	Front & Exterior Side Yards	2.5 m In no case shall be 4.5 m from the Front Lot Line, 3 m from the Exterior Side Yard
	Rear Yards	3.7 m; In no case shall be 3.8 m from the Rear Lot Line
Open porches, uncovered terraces and decks (greater than 1.8 meters and less than 3.2 meters)	Front & Exterior Side Yards	2.5 m In no case shall be 4.5 m from the Front Lot Line, 3 m from the Exterior Side Yard
	Rear Yards	2.5 m
Balconies	Front and Exterior Side Yards for all residential buildings	2 m
	Rear Yards for all residential buildings	2.5 m
Steps, Landings	All yards	2 m In no case shall be closer than 4.5 m from the Front Lot Line and 2.1 m from the Exterior Side Lot Line In no case shall be closer than 0.3 m from the Interior Side Lot Line

Drop awnings, clothes lines, poles, flag poles, garden trellises, ornamental light poles, retaining walls or fences	All yards	Nil
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