



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In relation to **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RVs)** and their permitted uses
under Zoning By-Law 2012-49 and By-Law 2018-06

What is a Recreational Vehicle (RV)?

As defined in zoning by-law 2012-49 and as amended by by-law 2018-06: “**Recreational Vehicle (RV)** means any vehicle so constructed that it is used for temporary eating and sleeping accommodation for travel, vacation and/or recreational use, such vehicle shall include tourist trailers, tent trailers, and campers mounted on motorized vehicles or towed, but does not require a special highway movement permit.”

Can I use my RV as a dwelling/summer cottage?

NO. “**Dwelling** means a building, occupied or capable of being occupied as a home, residence or accommodation by one or more persons, but **shall not** include hotels, boarding and rooming houses, motels, mobile homes, **a recreational vehicle of any kind** and institutions.” **NOTE:** A recreational vehicle is not a residential building under the Ontario Building Code

Can I store my RV on my vacant lot?

DEPENDS: “**Vacant Lot Storage** Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, on any lot in a Residential Zone on which a main building has not been erected, the storage or parking of a motor vehicle, boat, recreational vehicle or other similar vehicle shall not be permitted unless:

The said motor vehicle, boat, recreational vehicle, or other similar vehicle is located on the rear half of the lot; **and;**

The lot is owned by the owner of the adjacent lot.”

What are the regulations to use my RV at my dwelling or cottage?

NO recreational vehicle shall be used in any **residential** or **rural zone** for more than a total of **120 days** in any calendar year but is **only permitted on the lot where a dwelling or cottage is located.**

Is there a limit on the number of RVs allowed on properties where they are permitted?

YES. You are allowed **ONE** RV which shall not exceed 9 metres in length exclusive of hitch or tongue.

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IN SUMMARY

1. A Recreational Vehicle is only to be used for **temporary** eating, sleeping accommodations for travel, vacation, or recreational use next to your **residential dwelling only** but shall not exceed 120 days in any calendar year.
2. A Recreational Vehicle **cannot** be used as a dwelling and is not a residential building under the Ontario Building Code.
3. You cannot **use** your recreational vehicle on a vacant lot **for any purpose**, even if you own the adjacent lot with your residence on it.
4. You **cannot store** your recreational vehicle on a vacant lot unless you own the adjacent lot and your dwelling or cottage is on it and it must be stored on the rear half of the lot.

The Township's [Zoning By-Law 2012-49](#) and [By-Law 2018-06](#) can be found on the Townships website or by contacting the Municipal office during regular business hours.

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