

	LITTERING PROHIBITED SIGN		<i>Issued: NOV 2007</i>
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General

Alberta provides a naturally beautiful setting for highway users. The beauty and impression perceived by travellers can be negatively impacted if large amounts of roadside litter are present.

The department already attempts to control litter proliferation through the use of its Adopt-A-Highway litter pick-up program.

Under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Section 179(1):

179(1) No person shall dispose of waste on a highway except in a container placed for the purpose of collecting it.

It has been found in the past that signs along highways to discourage littering have little effect. However, Littering Prohibited signs in areas where there is a large concentration of motorists stopping for rest/refreshment, compliance with transport permit obligations, safety checks, etc., such as at safety rest areas, vehicle inspection stations, brake checks, roadside turnouts, viewpoints, or other unofficial roadside areas may serve to deter those who might otherwise litter.

Unofficial roadside areas, for instance, sections of highway that have a wide shoulder and are frequently observed to have trucks and passenger vehicles stopping, can be particularly problematic for littering as they do not have waste receptacles available.

Standard

A standard Littering Prohibited sign is used to remind highway users that littering is not tolerated along the highway right-of-way or within safety rest areas, vehicle inspection stations and other designated or non-designated roadside areas where motorists may stop. The sign consists of black and red symbol/text on a white background.

The standard size of a Littering Prohibited sign is 600 mm x 600 mm.



RC-5	600 mm x 600 mm	
Colour	Symbol and Border Background	Black/Red White
Sheeting	ASTM, Type III or IV	

The educational tab sign (RC-5T) may be attached to the Littering Prohibited sign to communicate in words the meaning of the littering prohibited symbol. The educational tab sign is normally needed when a new sign is first introduced in the area.



RC-5T	600 mm x 300 mm	
Colour	Symbol and Border Background	Black White
Sheeting	ASTM, Type III or IV	

Guidelines for Use

In general, Littering Prohibited signs should only be provided at roadside turnouts, safety rest areas, viewpoints, vehicle inspection stations, brake check areas, chain up/chain down areas, and unofficial roadside areas in situations where there is a problem with stopped vehicles littering, or the department anticipates problems may arise.

Littering Prohibited signs are not appropriate for installation along the highway, outside of known motorist stopping areas, as it has been proven that the signs have little effect when installed in this manner.

Guidelines for Placement

The sign should be placed within the roadside facility site in a highly visible location with the sign orientated to face the parking area. Sign placement should be in accordance with the Recommended Practices Placement of Signs guideline. Depending on the size of the site, one or more signs may be needed to effectively notify roadside facility users of the restriction.

References to Standards

<i>Recommended Practices, Section: General</i>	Placement of Signs
<i>Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada</i>	A2.10.2 A2.11
<i>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act</i>	Part 9, Division 2, Section 179