

An easement on your property?

If you have an easement on your property, special provisions may apply to the location of your patio, deck, balcony or porch. To determine whether your land is subject to one or more private or public easements, check your property survey (localization certificate).


Avoid accidents!

Hydro-Québec provides safety advice: feel free to contact them!

 www.hydroquebec.com/security

Info-Excavation is a free service for locating underground conduits, and can help you avoid nasty surprises. Before digging, planting trees or installing a fence, check with Info-Excavation, 72 hours ahead of time.



 1-800-663-9228 — www.info-ex.com

Important

The information in this brochure is based on Ville de Gatineau zoning by-law number 502-2005, the *National Building Code*, 1995 edition (with amendments) and the *Quebec Construction Code*. This brochure is intended for information only. It does not replace the provisions of the by-law and codes.

The contents of this brochure were updated on May 1, 2006. Amendments to the by-law and codes may have come into force since then.

Additional rules may apply specifically to certain properties (waterfront lots, corner lots, etc.) or to certain areas (flood zones, mass movement areas, heritage areas, etc.). Please contact the Division d'urbanisme at your sector's municipal service centre for more information in this regard (see contact information at the back of this brochure).



To find out more

Please call your local service centre.

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Patios, Decks, Balconies and Porches



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By-law

Ville de Gatineau has a by-law governing the location and construction of patios, decks, balconies and porches, designed to ensure that these structures are safe.

Application

All patios built above ground or at ground level, adjacent to a main building, and all decks, balconies or porches, are subject to the standards in the municipal by-law.

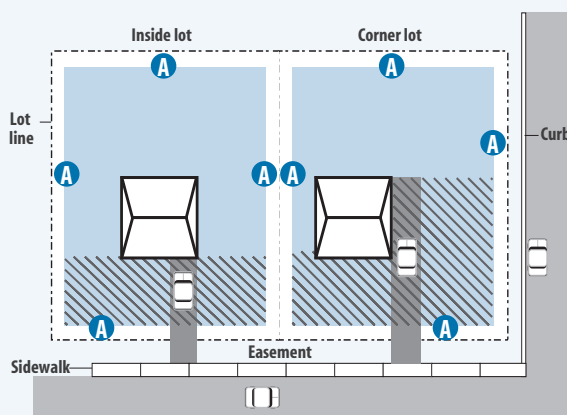
Standards

- **Location**
A patio, deck, balcony or porch may be built in any yard.
- **Distances**

Detached dwelling

A patio, deck, balcony or porch must be located at least one metre from the lot line and may not extend more than two metres into a setback from a street.

■ Authorized location of patios, decks, balconies and porches



A 1 m minimum

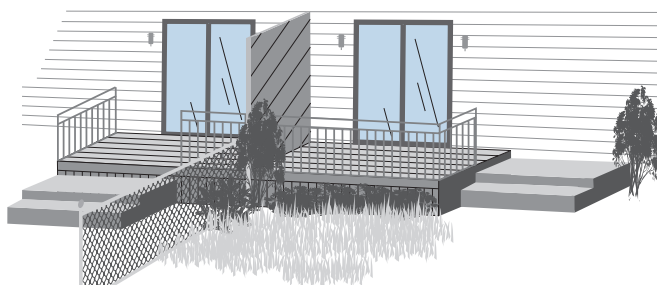
■ Possible setback of up to 2 m from a street

Semi-detached and attached dwellings, and dwellings with no side yard

Backyard patios, decks, balconies or porches may be located less than one metre from a side lot line. In such cases, an opaque privacy screen at least 1.5 metres high and no more than 2 metres high, measured from floor level, shall be installed along the full distance of the side facing the shared wall or the wall of a building with no side yard.

A patio, deck, balcony or porch may extend no more than two metres into a setback from a street.

Privacy screens are required for semi-detached or attached dwellings, or dwellings with no side yard.



Materials

The floor of a patio, deck, balcony or porch is generally constructed of the following materials:

- Wood (varnished, stained or painted)
- Concrete slab poured on site
- Pavers or concrete slabs

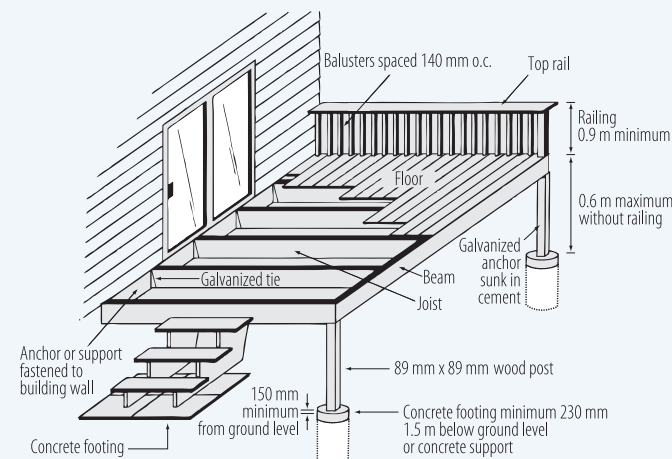
Railings

If the floor of a patio, deck, balcony or porch is 0.6 metres to 1.8 metres above ground level, it requires a surrounding guardrail at least 0.9 metres in height to prevent people from accidentally stepping over the edge.

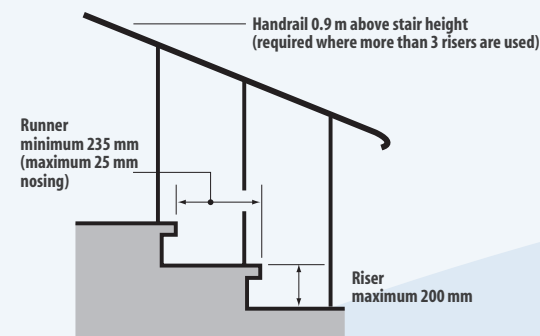
If the floor of the patio, deck, balcony or porch is more than 1.8 metres above ground level, a railing at least 1.07 metres in height is required.

This standard also applies to a stairway leading to a patio, deck, balcony or porch.

Assembly details



Stair dimensions



Is a permit required?

Before you begin building or installing a patio, deck, balcony or porch, you must obtain a building permit from Ville de Gatineau. Visit us in person and bring the necessary documents to the Division d'urbanisme service desk at your sector's municipal service centre (see contact information at the back of this brochure).

The main documents or information you must provide include: your property survey (localization certificate), a site plan showing the location of the patio, deck, balcony or porch that you plan to build, and construction details.

Note: Additional documents may be required.