



SO, YOU WANT TO HAVE A BLOCK PARTY

Block Parties are closures of residential streets by the local residents and do not include closures by a business or for business purposes like sales, promotions, company events, festivals or extending business premises to the right of ways. Sidewalks must always be kept open and pedestrians allowed to pass.

If your community decides to have a Block Party, please keep the following in mind:

- Completed applications must be submitted at least 7 days prior to the block party.
- Streets must be closed between intersections; closing a street for half a block or along one side of the street only is not permitted.
- Operating a carnival, selling liquor, consuming liquor in the right-of-way or using fireworks is prohibited under permit.
- The applicant is responsible for picking up, setting up and returning signs and barricades following a diagram provided by our department.
- If you wish to have a bonfire or burn barrel you must also obtain an [Open Air Fire Permit](#) from the Winnipeg Fire Prevention Branch. Contact fireinspections@winnipeg.ca or (204) 986-8200 for further information. You will require your Block Party Permit to apply.
- A [Noise Permit](#) from the Winnipeg Police Services is required for amplified sound.

The Application

The application form (attached) must be completed and returned with the majority petition and certificate of insurance no later than 7 days prior to the event.

The Petition

You must obtain a 50% majority petition of the affected property owners to hold a Block Party. An affected property owner is anyone with a fronting residence or an approach/driveway that cannot be accessed during the closure. A sample petition is attached.

We also recommend that you drop off notices to any homes that do not answer on the day you petition. The notice should include information about the Block Party, the date and times and your name and phone number. Remember, someone may be having an important event, like a wedding, at his or her residence on the day you are planning the Block Party.

The Insurance

It is mandatory to have liability insurance for any event occurring on the public right of way. You have two options for insurance coverage:

1. City's Insurance Rider

You may come on to the City's insurance rider for a fee of \$175.00 (2026 rate). The deductible is \$2,500.00 per claim to be borne by the applicant to a maximum of \$2,000,000.00 insured. This protects against liability for bodily injury or property damage arising out of events connected with the Block Party only. The insurance fee is not refundable.

2. Obtaining Your Own Insurance

Alternatively, you may obtain insurance on your own. To obtain a quote from your insurance agent, provide the details of the Block Party closure and include the following paragraph to explain the type and amount of insurance required:

THE APPLICANT shall maintain, pay and provide the City with a certified true copy of a Certificate of Insurance of a Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor in the amount of no less than Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars all-inclusive, with The City of Winnipeg being named as an additional named insured and a cross-liability clause thereon, in connection with the work permitted to be undertaken hereunder prior to the commencement of the said work. Deductibles to be acceptable to the City and are to be borne by THE APPLICANT. THE APPLICANT shall maintain the policy of insurance until the total Performance of the said event.

A true copy of the certificate of insurance must be forwarded to:

The City of Winnipeg
Risk Management - Insurance Branch
3rd Floor – 185 King Street
Winnipeg, MB R3B 1J1

Your agent may email a copy to: fin-insurance@winnipeg.ca.

Once your insurance is approved we will begin to process your application.

Processing Permits

You can email, mail or drop-off your application and petition at least 7 days prior to the event at:

The City of Winnipeg
Public Works – Transportation Division
101-1155 Pacific Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3E 3P1
Phone (204) 986-6006
Email: PWD-UOS-Permits@winnipeg.ca

Once we have processed your application we will email you a draft copy of your permit for payment.

We accept Cash, cheque, Interac, MasterCard, American Express and Visa. Payment can be made over the phone by calling (204) 986-6006 or in person by appointment. Our general office hours are between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. However, **please phone ahead to ensure a permit clerk will be available to assist you.**

Barricading The Street

You will be provided a permit, a payment receipt, a list of equipment for pick-up and a diagram showing how the barricades are to be set up. Present this paperwork when you pick-up your barricades.

Barricades are distributed at our Stores Division located at 1277 Pacific Avenue. Pick-up hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. For equipment pick-up inquiries, please contact (204) 986-2139. You will need a small truck or van to transport the barricades and signs, which are approximately 8 feet long. Loading usually takes approximately 15 minutes.

The equipment must be returned within 2 working days of the event. You may be charged the cost of missing/damaged materials.

SAMPLE PETITION

The following residents agree to close Aubrey Street between Wolseley Avenue and Westminister Avenue to hold a neighbourhood Block Party on July 25, 2017 between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Access to front approaches will be cut-off and sidewalks will remain open.

166 Aubrey St. _____

168 Aubrey St. _____

170 Aubrey St. _____

172 Aubrey St. _____

174 Aubrey St. _____

176 Aubrey St. _____

178 Aubrey St. _____

180 Aubrey St. _____

182 Aubrey St. _____

184 Aubrey St. _____

186 Aubrey St. _____

188 Aubrey St. _____

190 Aubrey St. _____

192 Aubrey St. _____



APPLICATION FOR BLOCK PARTY

APPLICANT _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ POSTAL CODE _____

EMAIL _____

STREET NAME

BETWEEN _____ AND _____

DATE(S) _____ TIME(S) _____

Please submit this application at least 7 days before the event with a 50% majority support petition of frontage property owners/tenants and a certificate of insurance. Permits must be issued prior to event.

Barricades are to be picked-up from Stores at 1277 Pacific Avenue, Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. You will need a truck or van to carry the barricades and signs, a car is not appropriate for hauling these materials. You are responsible for loading and unloading the equipment into your vehicle and for any damage sustained as a result of this activity. The **equipment must be returned** within **2 working days** of the event. The applicant accepts responsibility for replacement costs of unreturned/damaged barricades.

The applicant accepts responsibility for all costs of clean-up and damage resulting from the street closure. The operation of a carnival, the sale of liquor, or the use of fireworks is prohibited.

Permit Fee:	\$68.00
Administration Fee:	\$43.00
GST:	\$5.55
Insurance with City's Insurance Rider:	\$175.00 - *Note, unless provided by applicant, then \$0
TOTAL:	\$291.55

Signature of Applicant _____



APPLICATION FORM FOR BARRICADES & SIGNS FOR BLOCK PARTY

APPLICANT _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

STREET CLOSURE LOCATION _____

The undersigned agrees to the following:

- 1) To load/ unload the barricades and signs from the vehicle.
- 2) To acknowledge and accept responsibility for any damage caused to the vehicle as a result of loading/transporting the equipment.
- 3) To return the equipment within 2 working days of the event.
- 4) To acknowledge and accept responsibility for replacement cost of unreturned/damaged barricades.

PERMITS STAFF SIGNATURE _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

ISSUE AND RETURN OF BARRICADES/SIGNS/SANDBAGS

Item	Replacement Cost	Number Required	Number Issued	Number Returned	Damaged or Lost	Value of Loss
Cross Arm						
Leg						
Road Closed						
Emerg. Veh. Only						
Sign Base						
Upright						
Sand Bag						
Barricade Ahead						
Road Closed Local Traffic Only						

- Barricades Returned
 - Barricades not returned/damaged
- STORES SIGNATURE: _____

(Stores to email completed barricade application to pwd-uos-permits@winnipeg.ca once barricades returned)