



City of Charlottesville

Be a Good Neighbor During Construction

1) Follow the Lighting Ordinance

Section 34-1005 of the City Code exempts construction activity from the lighting ordinance provided the lighting is discontinued within 7 days of the completion of the project. City staff recommends that all construction sites:

- Be mindful of nearby windows when positioning any temporary construction lighting.
- Use appropriate amounts of lighting that take into account the surrounding area.
- Shut off or reduce lighting levels when not in use.

2) Stay Under the Noise Allowance for Construction

Section 16-8(a) of the City Code states that, “No person shall permit, operate or cause any source of sound to create a sound level in a residential zone or within any residential building during the hours between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in excess of fifty-five (55) dB(A) when measured at or outside the property boundary.”

What does 55 decibels sound like?

- The loudness of a conversation in a quiet restaurant.
- Louder than a refrigerator, but not as loud as an air conditioner.

3) Follow the Burn Laws

Section 12-32(a)(8) states that, “Salvage, demolition operations, land clearing and disposal of waste materials (including, without limitation, construction debris, garbage, refuse, household refuse, brush, grass, leaves and other waste materials) by burning are specifically prohibited.”