Laneway Access Measuring Guide

What to check before booking equipment for a tight Toronto laneway

Before you book

1. **Walk the full access route**

   Measure the narrowest point along the whole path, not just the entrance.

2. **Check overhead clearance**

   Look for hydro lines, branches, or a garage roofline that hangs lower than expected.

3. **Note any turns along the way**

   A straight lane and one with a dogleg are very different jobs to plan for.

Permits and shared space

1. **Confirm whether the laneway is public or private**

   This determines whether street occupation rules apply to your project.

2. **Ask about staging equipment overnight**

   Rules for parking equipment in a shared laneway can differ from daytime work rules.

3. **Talk to neighbors sharing the laneway**

   A shared access route works better with a heads up before equipment arrives.

Planning the actual work

1. **Identify tight corners for hand work**

   Mark areas the bucket cannot reach before the job starts.

2. **Plan the entry and exit route**

   Decide how the machine will get in and out before it arrives.

3. **Ask what happens if access does not work**

   Confirm the plan for rescheduling if the measured route does not match reality.

Measure the whole route first, then plan the machine and the hand work together.

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