

## Motion Picture Production and my Property

Congratulations. Your home or property has been selected as a motion picture location. Not only are you earning a little money, but you have a great story to tell your friends and you're helping support BC's motion picture production industry.

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By now a location manager should have made contact with you. This person works for a production company and both must be registered with the British Columbia Film Commission. To confirm the validity of the location manager or production company, call the British Columbia Film Commission at (604) 660-2732.

Once your property is accepted as a location, the location manager should provide you with a proposed Locations Schedule, detailing dates and times the producers plan to use your property, and a draft Location Agreement.

The following is a check list for you to follow while in discussion with the location manager:

- ★ Use of your personal property in filming, safe storage of items not being used, and details for packing and moving personal property. It's usually up to the producer to cover any of these costs.
- ★ Cast and crew use of washrooms, water, electricity, laundry machines and kitchens; smoking restrictions; trash removal; and, protective floor coverings.
- ★ The use of special effects such as smoke, snow, fire, gunshots, or simulated explosions.

- ★ Any areas off-limits to cast and crew.
- ★ Any alterations the production requires (painting, construction, gardening).
- ★ Positioning and parking of heavy equipment and vehicles.
- ★ Alternate accommodations and basic living expenses for you and your family during the shoot.
- ★ Clean up and remediation requirements (again, usually the responsibility of the producer).

The agreement should also hold the production company responsible for all the activities on your property during the shoot, and release you of liability.

The producers should also give you a copy of their relevant insurance papers before shooting begins.

*If you have any questions regarding on-location motion picture production in your community, contact your local film co-ordinator at your municipal hall, call the BC Film Commission at (604) 660-2732, or refer to our website at: [www.bcfilmcommission.com](http://www.bcfilmcommission.com)*