

## Temporary Decorative Attachments General Information

### 1) General Requirement

#### a) Structural/Material Composition

All attachments shall be constructed and composed of a non-flammable material and be supported by a bracket made of stainless steel, galvanized steel, aluminum or an aluminum alloy and should be easily removable from the pole.

All drawing submissions must be stamped by a Professional Engineer along with a certificate of approval stating that the attachment meets the safety requirement of Ontario Regulation 22/04.

#### b) Dimensions/Weight Restrictions:


- Banner (Complete Attachment including the brackets and the banding):
  - Dimensions (maximum) – 900 mm (3'-0") wide and 1800 mm (6'-0") long.
  - Surface area (maximum) - 1.67 m<sup>2</sup> (18 ft<sup>2</sup>).
  - Weight (maximum) – 9 kg (20 lb).
- lower Basket (Complete Attachment including the basket, attachment arm and banding):
  - Dimensions (maximum) – 900 mm (3'-0") wide and 900 mm (3'-0") long.
  - Weight (maximum) - Dry 9 kg (20 lb) and Wet 18 kg (40 lb).
- Seasonal Decorations (Complete Attachment including the brackets and the banding):
  - Dimensions (maximum) – 1200 mm (4'-0") wide and 1800 mm (6'-0") long.
  - Weight (maximum) – 18 kg (40 lb).

With Toronto Hydro approval, multiple attachments are allowed to be attached on pole (max. 3 attachments) if space allows, i.e. 2 flower baskets with one banner.

### 2) Methods of Attachment to the Pole

Attachments to poles shall be by means of stainless steel banding or galvanized steel clamp. Wood poles will have Neoprene rubber 6 mm (¼") under steel banding.

No drilling allowed in any poles.

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### 3) Guidelines for approval of Temporary Attachments on Poles

a) Attachments must meet a minimum clearance of 2750 mm (9'-0") above the sidewalk's finished grade.

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b) Attachments must be below all primary/secondary/DC conductors and communication cables. See Std. 23-1110 and 23-1130 for details.

c) Seasonal festive decorations to be connected as per Standard 23-1130.

d) Attachments are not allowed on poles having traffic lights or pedestrian crossover attachments.

e) Attachments must maintain 30.5 m (100'-0") minimum horizontal clearance to crosswalks and traffic signals.

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f) Attachments are not allowed on poles with primary/secondary risers, or switches.

g) Attachments are not allowed on poles which are in poor, questionable condition or are congested.

h) Only one organization at any given period is allowed to use the same pole.

i) Metal parts of the installation that are not intended to be energized and that are accessible to unauthorized persons shall be effectively grounded.

j) Proposed attachments must also have the approval of the City of Toronto.

In the interest of public safety or to satisfy required work practices, Toronto Hydro at its sole discretion, may prohibit attachments for reasons other than those listed above.

### 4) Removals

Temporary attachments are typically installed for a time duration of up to 365 days or as per the signed agreement. All temporary attachments shall be removed by the respective Licensed Occupant no later than five (5) business days after the expiry of the designated installation period for which a permit has been granted.

Notwithstanding the above, temporary attachments are to be removed by the respective Licensed Occupant as follows:

a) Within five (5) business days after written notification from Toronto Hydro that an attachment is:

- Damaged or deteriorated from its original condition;
- Installed in an improper manner;
- In violation of safety requirements by not being in compliance with the Ontario Electrical Safety Code, or the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects, or the Ontario Regulation 22/04 or any other legislation, by-laws, regulations or rules which apply.

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- b) Immediately where in the judgment of Toronto Hydro, the attachment(s) has been installed without permission, or on a pole not specified on the permit, or the attachment(s) is in violation of Toronto Hydro safety requirements.


Toronto Hydro reserves the right to remove or arrange for the removal of the attachment from the pole at the Licensed Occupant's expense under emergency conditions, or in cases where the pole is unexpectedly removed, or the attachment hinders planned work. The Licensed Occupant of the attachment(s) will be requested to collect the removed attachment(s), if retrievable. Toronto Hydro will not, at any time, be held liable for any damages to or loss of the attachment.

### 5) Provision of Electrical Supply

- a) Licensed Occupants are responsible for the costs incurred by Toronto Hydro to provide electrical service connections and/or disconnection to the temporary attachments. This cost is in addition to any permit fees and may include costs to rearrange any Toronto Hydro Plant necessary to accommodate the attachments.
- b) Energy billing issues including electricity rates applicable to the required electrical service will be confirmed at the time of Licensed Occupant's application. Rates are subject to change without prior notice.

### 6) Responsibility

The design, installation, maintenance and removal of temporary decorative attachments rest with the Licensed Occupant. The Licensed Occupant shall ensure compliance with all the applicable legislation, by-laws, and regulations. Written assurance/indemnity shall be made available to Toronto Hydro upon request.

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