

Sunday and Holiday Shopping

Can a retail business be open on Sundays?

A retail business that operates with fewer than four employees can be open on Sundays. Municipalities can pass a bylaw to allow Sunday and holiday shopping at larger retail businesses within their communities.

Are there restrictions on when stores can be open in communities?

In communities like Brandon and Winnipeg that have passed a Sunday shopping bylaw, retail businesses can be open between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, Louis Riel Day, Victoria Day and Thanksgiving Day.

Can retail stores be open on General Holidays?

In communities with a Sunday and Holiday shopping by-law retail stores can be open Sunday shopping hours on Louis Riel Day, Victoria Day and Thanksgiving Day.

Most retail businesses cannot be open on New Years Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Canada Day, Labour Day or Christmas Day.

Remembrance Day is not a holiday. Retail stores cannot be open between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Remembrance Day. More information is available on the [Remembrance Day](#) page.

Do communities that have a bylaw require all stores to open?

No, business owners decide whether to open on holidays or Sundays. In communities with a bylaw, business are allowed to open, but are not forced to.

Which communities have Sunday shopping bylaws?

Many communities (Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Thompson and Winnipeg) have bylaws that allow Sunday shopping. Contact your municipal office or town hall for bylaws in your community.

For more information contact the Employment Standards Branch:

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This is a general overview and the information used is subject to change. For detailed information, please refer to current legislation including *The Employment Standards Code* and *The Worker Recruitment and Protection Act*, or contact the Employment Standards Branch to ask for advice.

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