

CIVIC ADDRESSING SYSTEM EXPLAINED

What it's For:

Most residents of Rosedale have no doubt noticed the green metal signs with white numbers that appeared at the end of their Driveways in the spring of 2019. These numbers are Civic Addressing System being established in the Province of Manitoba. Multiple organizations will use the Civic Numbers as an indicator of property location, including Manitoba Hydro, MTS, the Municipal Office and most importantly 911 responders.

How It Works:

Civic Number 86073 will be used in this explanation to illustrate how the system works. The system is based on measurement, and because of this your Civic Number is not of use unless you also know what road the driveway is off of. For instance, there is the potential that multiple driveways could be assigned Civic Number 86023. But when you know that Civic Number 86073 is on Road 89W, there is only one possible location. If this is confusing come back to it once you understand how numbers are assigned.

What does my number mean?

Every Civic Number contains two parts; part one designates a road, and part two designates a distance.

The Road (86)

The designated road is whatever digits are in front of the last three digits of the Civic Number. This could be one, two or three digits. The road number is the intersection that is to the East of the driveway if it is off of an East-West running road, or to the South of the driveway if it is off of a North-South running road. Using our Civic Number of 86073 on Rd 89W, we can tell that the distance in part two will measure South to the intersection of 86N and 89W. It is also a rule that when you take the civic number as a whole, the odd numbers are on the East and North sides of roads, while even numbers are on the West and South side of roads.

The Distance (073)

The distance is always the last three digits in the Civic Number. It is determined using frontage interval, which is a measurement of intervals between the beginning of a road and the structures along it. An interval is always 10 meters. Using our example of 86073, we take the last three digits of the Civic Number (073) and multiply it by the interval (10 meters). So $073 \times 10 = 0730$ meters from the intersection of the road determined in part one.

Additional Example

Civic Number 87065 on PTH 265. This driveway is on the North side of PTH 265, $065 \times 10 = 0650$ meters West of the intersection with Road 87W.