



THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

KNOW BEFORE YOU RIDE

Thornton prioritizes safe and responsible behavior in all shared spaces.

E-BIKES

E-bikes with operable pedals are permitted on sidewalks and bike/pedestrian paths and trails at speeds up to 20 mph.

Non-pedal electric bicycles and electric motorcycles are NOT allowed on sidewalks, bike/pedestrian paths or trails. (Exception: e-balance bikes for children 6 years of age or younger are allowed.)



LOW POWERED SCOOTERS (under 4,476W / 50cc, no clutch)

NOT allowed on sidewalks, bike/pedestrian paths or trails. Must be properly registered, insured, equipped, and ridden by a licensed driver. If not, private property only.



MOTORCYCLES (generally over 4,476W electric / any gas engine with a manual clutch)

NOT allowed on sidewalks, bike/pedestrian paths or trails. Revving, racing, and stunting are prohibited. Must be properly licensed and registered when operated on roads.



TOY & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (mini bikes, pocket bikes, go-peds, go-karts, dirt bikes, golf carts, etc.)

These are private property only in Thornton. That means NO roads, NO sidewalks, NO trails, NO parks, NO parking lots, and NO city property of any kind.



PARENTS & GUARDIANS: Under Thornton Municipal Code 38-645, any parent or adult who allows, helps, encourages, or permits a minor to operate a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle unlawfully is in violation.
Fines up to \$2,650.

RULES THAT APPLY TO EVERYONE, *regardless of what you're riding!*

- Follow all traffic signs and signals — e-bike, scooter, motorcycle, all of it
- Yield to pedestrians, always
- Only carry as many passengers as the vehicle is designed for
- No riding wheeled vehicles of any kind in prohibited areas (playgrounds, game courts, sports courts, pavilions, park lawns, fields, etc.)
- No stunting, racing, or operating in a way that's dangerous to yourself or others
- Careless, reckless, or unlawful operation of any wheeled device is subject to citation and fines up to \$2,650



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Where can you ride in Thornton?

Vehicle	Roads	Bike / Ped Paths & Sidewalks	Private Property
E-bikes with operable pedals (any class)			
Low-powered scooter Under 4,476W / 50cc, no clutch			
Motorcycle Generally over 4,476W, any manual clutch			
Toy/recreational vehicle Mini bikes, pocket bikes, go-karts, golf carts, dirt bikes, etc.			



Allowed



Not allowed



Conditions apply - see below

Bike/ped paths & sidewalks: E-bikes with operable pedals are allowed on sidewalks, bike/pedestrian paths and trails **at speeds under 20 mph only.**

Roads (scooter / motorcycle): Must be properly registered, insured, and equipped per state law. Must be operated by a licensed driver. If not, private property only.

Private property (toy / rec vehicles): Must be non-public private property with owner permission. Parking lots and spaces open to the public do not qualify.

HOW TO REPORT: If unsafe riding is happening right now, call the Thornton Police Non-Emergency line at 720-977-5150. For ongoing or recurring issues, use the "Report a Traffic Concern" form at thorntonpd.org.