

SNOW IN THE CITY

Dealing with snow is a big part of being an Edmontonian. By working together, the City of Edmonton and our citizens help ensure safe conditions and mobility for everyone.



**Here's what you need to know
about Snow in the City.**

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The City does its part ...

- We salt and sand roads as needed to maintain traction.
- We clear main roads within 48 hours after the end of a snowfall.
- Roads with the highest traffic volume are given priority.
- We're out 24/7 getting the job done.
- We do regular maintenance plowing for lighter snow events. When major snow events happen, we send out more crews and equipment and update our Major Roads Plowing Map so you can see which roads have been plowed.
- We provide sidewalk sand at the City's roadway maintenance yards.

The City has a **Snow and Ice Control policy** that directs how and when we clear snow. Learn more about it at edmonton.ca/snowinthecity or call **311**.



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The City's work changes depending on how much snow has fallen.

0-3 cm

3 cm

10 cm or more

30 cm or more

Ongoing maintenance activities.

Snow plowing begins on main roads when 3 cm of snow has accumulated and the weather forecast calls for continued snowfall.

A Major Plowing Event is declared for arterial roads and bus routes. All City equipment is deployed and contract equipment may be called out to clear main roadways. The Major Roads Plowing Map is activated and updated three times a day. A seasonal parking ban may be declared once the snowfall has stopped.

A Severe Snowfall Event is declared. All available resources are deployed to restore road network mobility. The Major Roads Plowing Map continues to be updated three times a day. Overnight parking bans are declared on residential roads, which are plowed to bare pavement.

HOW MUCH SNOW HAS FALLEN?

Know your snow day!



Like garbage collection, neighbourhood blading operates on a weekly schedule throughout the winter. If work cannot be completed on your designated day, crews will be back that weekend to finish up.



Once snow has accumulated in neighbourhoods, the City sends out crews to blade the roads down to a **5 cm** snow pack.

Blading will be completed across the city within 7 days, starting within 48 hours after the end of a snowfall.

Please note that if you live in a cul-de-sac, your road will be cleared on your snow day but snow may not be removed until a later time.

Find your snow day and check to see if neighbourhood blading has been activated at edmonton.ca/snowinthecity or call **311**.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD BLADING
STARTS ONCE THERE IS A SNOW
PACK OF OVER 5 CM.**

KNOW YOUR SNOW DAY

A parking ban can be declared any time between **Nov.5** and **Mar.15** on bus routes.



When cars are parked on the streets, our equipment can't clear the roads efficiently. If you leave your car on the road during a parking ban, you may return to find it towed, ticketed or buried in snow from passing plows.* After it snows, watch for parking bans:



Edmonton.ca



Email
notifications



Facebook
& Twitter



Call 311



Local
media



ETS bus
messages



Roadside
message
boards

Don't park on the road until the ban has been lifted, even if it looks like your street has been cleared! More equipment may be coming through to finish the job, or more snow may be in the forecast.

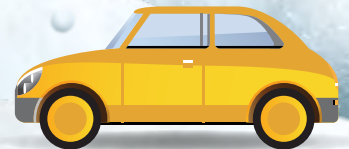
***The fine for parking on the road during a seasonal parking ban is \$50.
If the vehicle is towed, the owner is responsible for towing and storage fees.**

SEASONAL PARKING BANS

Drive for conditions.

In winter, driving conditions can change rapidly from clear roads and blue skies to whiteout conditions and ice-covered roads. Don't take chances.

- Leave plenty of space between vehicles. Following too closely is the number one cause of collisions.
- Match your speed to road conditions.
- Slow down for on and off ramps, overpasses, shady spots and bridge decks where black ice might form.
- Accelerate and brake slowly.
- Avoid rapid moves.
- Clear your windshield and side windows.
- Drive with your headlights on during a snowstorm or fog.



DRIVE FOR CONDITIONS

You can do your part to ensure safe conditions and mobility.



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Clear sidewalks make winter walking safer, especially for people with limited mobility who are more at risk of falling.

Snowy and icy sidewalks pose real safety and mobility issues. That's why walks must be cleared within 48 hours after the end of a snowfall. The fine for not maintaining your walks is \$100.

Snow should be shovelled onto the yard, not the street. Sidewalk and driveway snow pushed to the street creates more challenges for roadway snow removal crews and machinery.

It's a good idea to apply sand to your sidewalks to improve traction. Sand is available free at the City's roadway maintenance yards or for purchase at your local hardware store.

For tips on maintaining winter sidewalks, visit edmonton.ca/snowinthecity or call 311.



CLEARING YOUR SIDEWALKS

Be a Snow Angel and lend a helping hand.



Do your part for our community! Snow shovelling can be challenging for seniors and those with limited mobility, certain health conditions and disabilities. By helping your neighbours, you can make Edmonton a more livable and lovable winter city for everyone.

Become a Snow Angel by:

- Shovelling your walk within 48 hours after the end of a snowfall.
- Shovelling a neighbour's walk.
- Starting a conversation with neighbours about the importance of clear sidewalks.
- Making a plan with your neighbours to share the shovelling.

Let's work together to keep our sidewalks clear!

Learn more about the Snow Angels program and contests at edmonton.ca/snowinthecity or call **311**.



BECOME A SNOW ANGEL

Winter walking safety.

Snowy and icy sidewalks are hazardous for everyone, but they are especially treacherous for people with limited mobility and seniors who may be severely injured by a fall. These conditions also make it difficult for those who deliver services — mail carriers, meter readers, delivery drivers and emergency personnel — to do their jobs safely.

Each year, hospitals and doctors' offices are filled with people, young and old, who have slipped and fallen on slippery sidewalks. The freeze-and-thaw cycles of recent years have caused many injuries that could have been prevented.

Alberta's Injury Prevention Centre reminds you to "Do the Penguin Walk" in winter:

- Point your feet out slightly.
- Take short, shuffling steps.
- Walk slowly and cautiously.



Need more information?

edmonton.ca/snowinthecity or call 311

Sign up for email notifications at edmonton.ca/snowinthecity and be the first to know when a parking ban is declared, or when a residential blading cycle begins.

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THIS INFORMATION APPLIES TO THE 2016-17 WINTER SEASON.