



WINTER FORECAST: LOTS OF SNOW!

For your travel safety and convenience, the Town provides winter road maintenance in accordance with the Province's Minimum Maintenance Standards For Municipal Highways.

When roads become icy, an initial pass of sand/salt is applied to all primary roads (i.e. high volume traffic) first followed by all secondary roads (i.e. low volume traffic).

When snow continues to accumulate, an initial plowing pass is applied to all primary roads first followed by all secondary roads.

Additional passes or changes to treatment responses may occur if staff encounters severe winter events or restricted resources. Longer completion times may therefore result, so your patience and co-operation is greatly appreciated in these circumstances.

Residents can help by:

1. Parking vehicles off the street during and after a snowfall until your street has been sanded or plowed. **Parking is prohibited between 2:00 am and 7:00 am between November 15 and April 15.**
2. Placing garbage containers and Blue Boxes in driveways, and not snow banks.
3. Not pushing snow from your driveway onto/across the road or into ditches.
4. Staying well back of our equipment, as they require room to manoeuvre including backing up.
5. Ensuring that fences, posts, hedges, shrubs, driveway curbs or other obstructions are not placed on the Town's boulevard, as they will not be repaired if damaged by our equipment.
6. Removing snow from around fire hydrants to assist our maintenance staff and firefighters.

Please practice safety by:

1. Ensuring that children do not play where there is snow windrows along the roadside or piled in the courts, and near moving equipment, as our operators may not see the children.
2. Being aware of "black ice" (a thin layer of transparent ice on the road surface) that is formed when the road surface temperature is or falls just below 0° C and there is high air humidity.
3. Listening to media weather forecasts to prepare your travel plans accordingly.
4. Driving according to the road conditions and not the posted speed limit when there is inclement weather. This includes maintaining a safe distance between vehicles and allowing sufficient braking time.

For further information regarding the Town's winter road maintenance program please call our Engineering and Public Works Department at (905) 476-4301, ext. 232.